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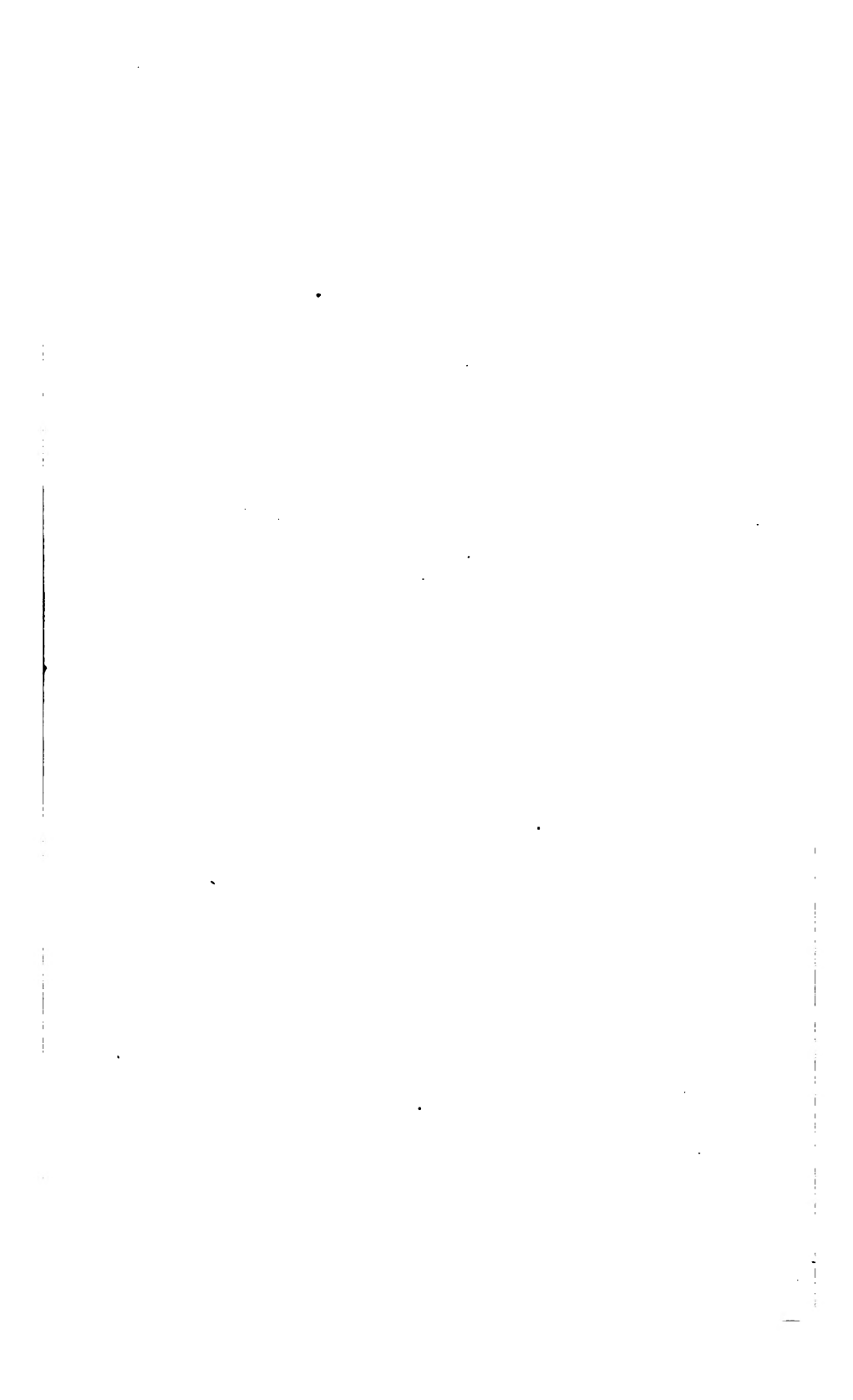


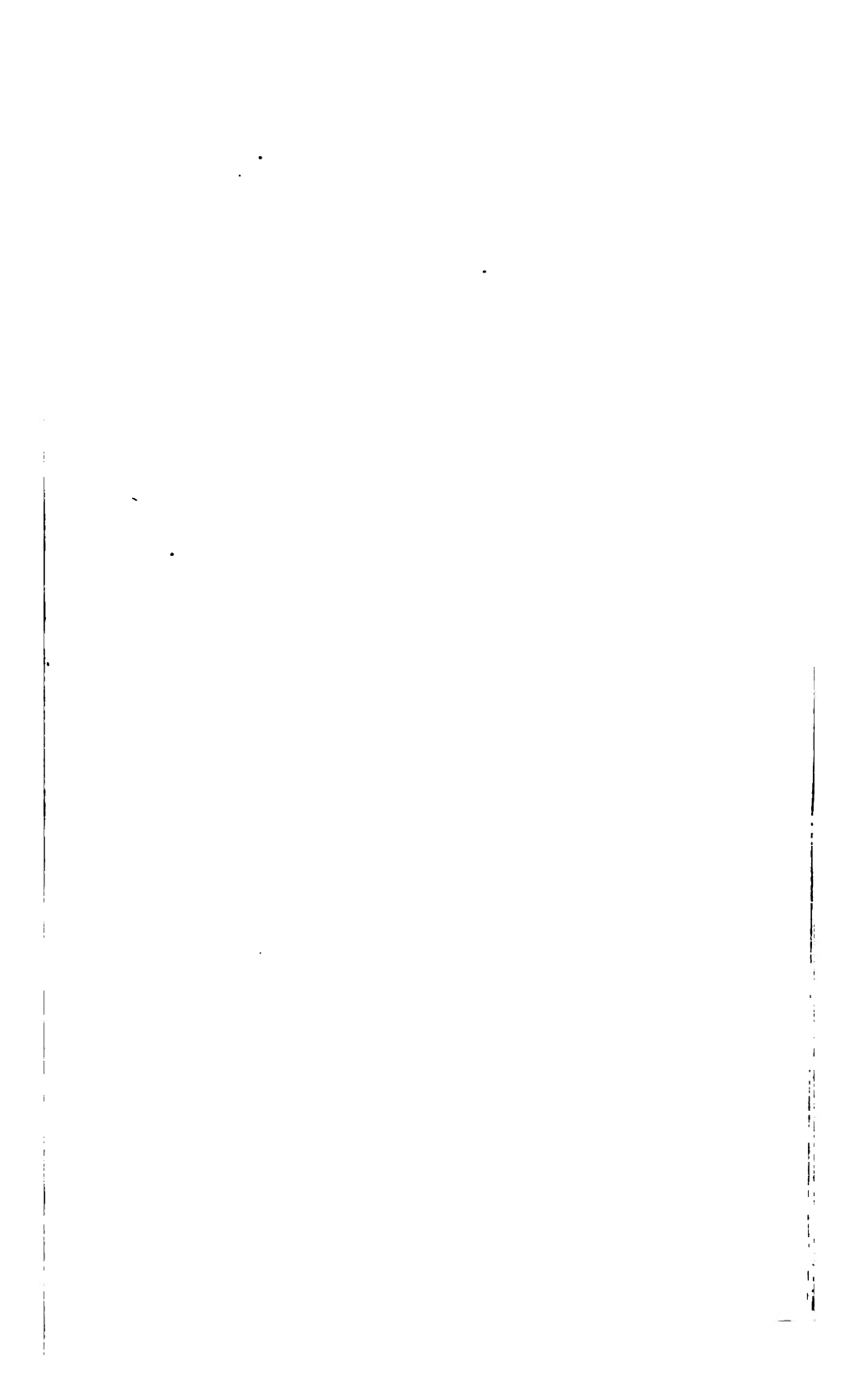
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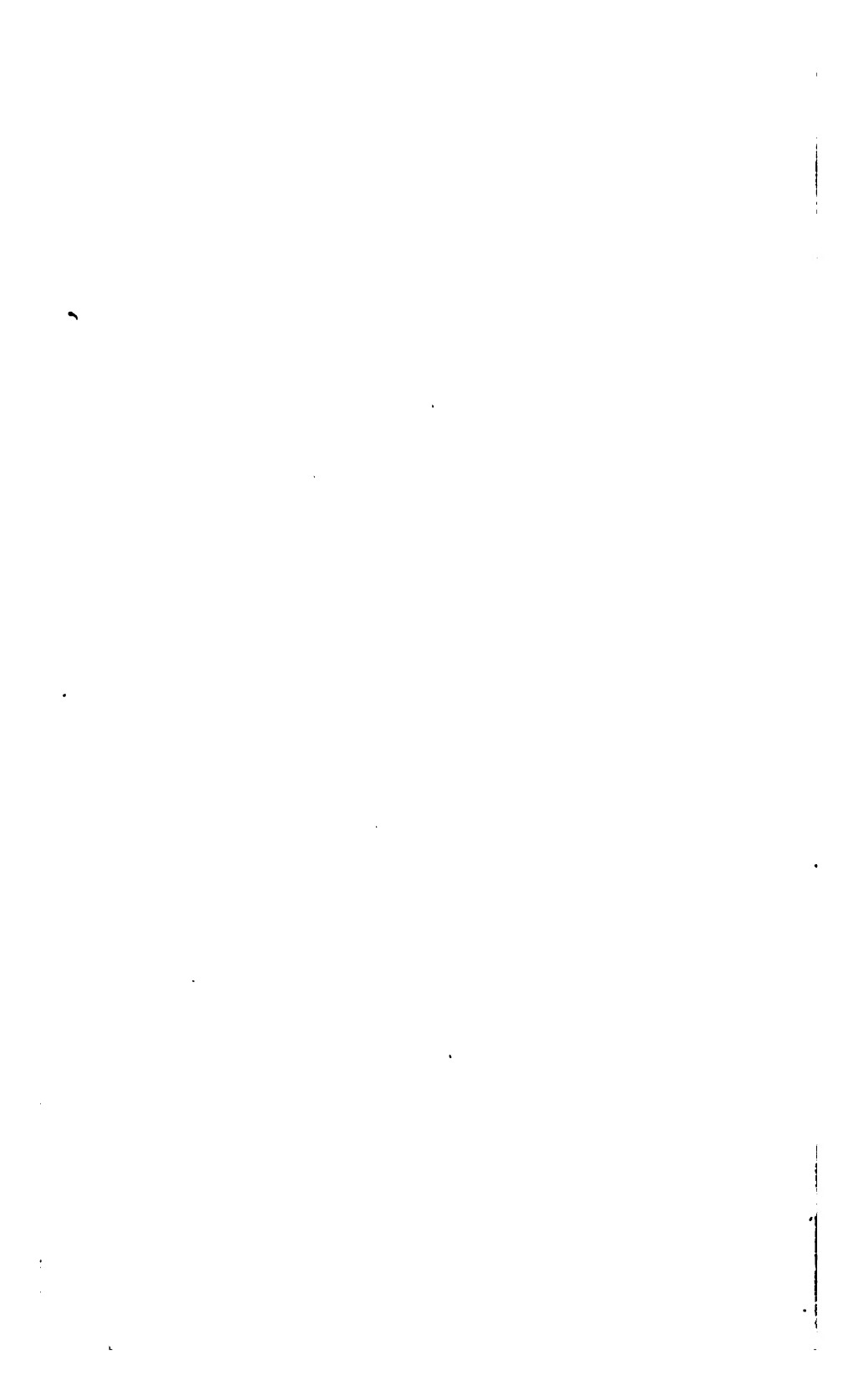
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OF
THE PROCEEDINGS OF
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GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
FROM
MARCH 14, 5855, TO DECEMBER 27, 5855.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 14, A. L. 5855.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday Evening, March 14, A. L. 5855.

P R E S E N T .

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| M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, | Grand Master. |
| R. W. Abraham T. Lowe, | D. G. M. |
| “ S. W. Robinson, | S. G. W. p. t. |
| “ Samuel K. Hutchinson, | J. G. W. |
| “ Thomas Tolman, | G. Treasurer. |
| “ Chas. W. Moore, | R. G. Secretary. |
| “ John H. Sheppard, | C. G. Secretary. |
| W. Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, | } G. Chaplains. |
| “ “ William R. Alger, | |
| “ Charles R. Train, | G. Marshal. |
| “ Charles Robbins, | S. G. D. |
| “ Levi Rawson, | J. G. D. |
| “ Benjamin Stevens, | } G. Stewards. |
| “ John P. Ober, | |
| “ John McClellan, | |
| “ Marshall Lincoln, | |

W. William D. Coolidge, G. S. B.
 " Thomas Restieaux, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " S. H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, | District No. 1. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, | " No. 4. |
| " Horace Chenery, | " No. 6. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 7 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother Charles Rice was recognized as proxy for Meridian Lodge; Brother Orison Underwood, for Montgomery Lodge; Brother A. A. Richmond, for Lafayette Lodge; Brother Hugh H. Tuttle, for Union Lodge, Nantucket, and Brother Daniel Leonard, for Mount Hope Lodge.

A petition for the removal of Mount Zion Lodge was presented, and referred to Brothers Sheppard, Flint, and Lovell. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

March 14, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Master and Brethren of Mount Zion Lodge, of Hardwich, for a removal of the same to the town of Barre, near which most of the members of said Lodge reside, report in favor of said removal, and also that the dues to the Grand Lodge by said Mount Zion Lodge be remitted as in said petition requested, and that the prayer of said petition be therefore granted.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD,
 JOHN FLINT,
 STEPHEN LOVELL.

An invitation to attend the celebration of St. John's day, on the 23d of June next, at Milford, was received from Montgomery Lodge, and accepted.

A petition for the restoration of the Charter of Good Samaritan Lodge, at Reading, signed by Brother Joshua

Prescott and seven other Brethren, former members of said Lodge, was presented, and, on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The W. Master of St. Andrew's Lodge presented the recently revised By-Laws of said Lodge, for approval, which were referred to Brothers Martin, Alger, and Dame, who subsequently reported that they were in conformity with the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and recommended that they be approved. The Report was adopted.

A petition for a Dispensation for a new Lodge at South Boston, to be called "The-Gate-of-the-Temple," signed by Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, and sixteen other Brethren, Master Masons, countersigned by the District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, and approved by St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston, was presented and referred to Brothers Harwood, Coolidge and Ober. This Committee, having heard the petitioners, subsequently reported that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. The Report was accepted.

The Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that he had received unofficial information that a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, would visit the city on Masonic business in the course of the present month, whereupon, on motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, it was unanimously

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master be invested with full powers to make any arrangements he shall deem proper, to give said Delegation a reception worthy of this Grand Lodge, and of the high character of our sister Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, JUNE 13, A. L. 5855.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday Evening, June 13, A. L. 5855.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, G. Master.
 R. W. John B. Hammatt, S. G. W. p. t.
 " A. A. Dame, J. G. W. p. t.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain, p. t.
 Br. John McCellan, G. Marshal, p. t.
 " Wm. Parkman, S. G. D. p. t.
 " S. Thornton, J. G. D., p. t.
 " Samuel P. Oliver, p. t. } Grand Stewards.
 " Marshall Lincoln, }
 " Wm. C. Martin, G. Lecturer.
 " I. I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Isaac P. Seavey, | District No. 2. |
| " Rev. Albert Case, | " No. 5. |
| " Lucien B. Keith, | " No. 7. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at three-quarters past 7 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Br. William Knapp was recognized as proxy for Plymouth Lodge.

R. W. Brother Sheppard offered the following vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That the Committee of Charity, or a majority of said Committee, be authorized and empowered to draw upon the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge such sums of money, for the purpose of relieving any case of suffering that may, in their opinion, require immediate attention ; but with the understanding, that the maximum of their withdrawals from the funds in the hands of the said Treasurer, shall not exceed fifty dollars between each Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same Quarterly.

On the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master, Brothers Sheppard, Thaxter and Parkman, were appointed a Committee to consider and report on the expediency of appropriating the entire day, preceding the evening of the regular Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge, for the exemplification of the Work and Lectures, under the direction of the Grand Lecturers.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge, with appropriate remarks, a Daguerreotype likeness of the venerable Brother Moses Thomas, of New Bedford, accompanied with the following letter from the donor :—

4 Hamilton Place, Boston, June 13, 1855.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. G. Officers, and the
Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :—*

Accompanying this I present you with a correct likeness of Bro. Moses Thomas, of New Bedford, which I respectfully request may be added to the Gallery of Historical Portraits now forming under your direction.

It has occurred to me, and to very many others, that while we are paying honors to the memory of Masons distinguished upon your records, by preserving the lineaments of their countenances, amongst your archives, we ought not to overlook those, who, in the humbler, but not less useful sphere of subordinate Lodge labor, have maintained through scores of years their Masonic integrity, and held up the light of our time-honored Order to the world around them.

Of such is the venerable Brother Thomas, more than sixty years a Mason ! His is the rare instance of a Brother distinguished alike for the social and private virtues, to whose character Freemasonry had lent all her graces ; who has past the Psalmist's utmost computation, without as yet fulfilling the Psalmist's prediction, " That his strength is labor and sorrow."

Such a name it is good for us to preserve in these degenerate days ; such a countenance as his will never call a blush upon the faces of any who may gaze upon it. The pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, collected, or to be collected, by you, will not be dishonored by the entrance of his.

Brother Thomas will soon, in the changes of time, be removed from our walls, to a work even higher and nobler, in which, at least

for the present, we cannot participate. While yet he tarries, awaiting his summons, I have secured this most excellent likeness of him, and respectfully ask leave to present it to your Most Worshipful Body for acceptance and preservation.

Very truly and Fraternally yours,

E. T. WILSON.

After appropriate remarks by several Brethren, on the character and long services of our aged and honored Brother, the following vote was unanimously adopted:—

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Brother E. T. Wilson, M. D., for his very acceptable present of a "correct likeness of Brother Moses Thomas, of New Bedford," and that the same be placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, R. W. Brother Harwood was requested to prepare and lay before the Grand Lodge, a brief Memoir of the venerable Brother Thomas.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past 9 o'clock.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, SEPT. 13, A. L. 5855.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday Evening, Sept. 13, A. L. 5855.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
- R. W. Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M.
- " Lucius R. Paige, S. G. W. p. t.
- " Samuel K. Hutchinson, J. G. W.
- " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
- " Hugh H. Tuttle, R. G. Secretary, p. t.
- " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
- W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain, p. t.
- " C. R. Train, G. Marshal.
- " William Parkman, S. G. D. p. t.
- " Louis A. Surette, J. G. D. p. t.

W. Benjamin Stevens, }
 " John P. Ober, } G. Stewards.
 " John McClellan, }
 " Wm. D. Coolidge, G. S. B.
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.
 Br. Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Lucien B. Keith,

District No. 7.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 7 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells.

R. W. Br. Sheppard, in behalf of the Committee on the more frequent exemplification of the Work and Lectures, presented the following Report, which was accepted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing more frequent exemplifications of the Work and Lectures of the first three Degrees in Masonry, as recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, having met and duly considered the matter, present unanimously, the following

R E P O R T :

That the subject is one of important bearing on the well being of the Institution. From the great increase of Lodges, and the enlargement of the numbers of the Fraternity in this State, and throughout the whole country, it claims the immediate attention of the Grand Lodge—and for several reasons, viz :—

1st. Because an uniformity of Work and Lectures is necessary in the several Lodges under our Jurisdiction—of which there are now about eighty—in order to preserve ancient Craft Masonry from innovation and injury, and keep the old Landmarks of the Order always in view of the Brethren.

2d. Because frequent intercourse between the officers and members of different Lodges would contribute much to promote such uniformity : since from local distances, and the remote and insulated situation of some Lodges in this Commonwealth, all our Brethren do not, and cannot, enjoy equal privileges in this respect.

3d. Because it has been found necessary for the exemplification of the Work and Lectures, and to prevent errors and innovations, that a day should be annually set apart and devoted to this object by the

Grand Lodge, viz:—December 27th, the day on which the Officers of the Grand Lodge are installed.

But your Committee is of opinion, that one day only in the year is not sufficient for the object intended, and that great good would result from more frequent meetings for this purpose. Such a change would not be confined in its salutary influences to the mere object of uniformity in the Work and Lectures. It would tend to promote more friendly and social intercourse among Brethren living remote from each other, and who now seldom meet: we should feel more interest for each other as men and Masons; and thus carry out the great object of our Institution—the diffusion of light and knowledge and Brotherly Love.

Your Committee therefore recommend and report, that the Work and Lectures of the first three Degrees, shall be exhibited and exemplified quarterly, as follows:—

On the second Wednesday in March, June and September, in addition to the special communication on the 27th of December, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning, under the direction of the Grand Lecturers, subject always to the supervision of the Grand Master.

In order therefore to carry out the report of your committee, if accepted, it will be necessary to amend Part I., Article 3d, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and they report the following amendments—Part I., Art. 3d, Sect. 5th For further instruction in the Lectures and Work of the Degrees recognized by this Grand Lodge; the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge, held in the city of Boston, on the 2d Wednesday in March, June and September, shall commence at nine o'clock in the morning, in addition to the Special Communication on the 27th of December.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
D. McB. THAXTER.

R. W. Brothers Paige, Low and Hammatt, were appointed a Committee on amending the Constitution, as proposed in the foregoing Report.

A copy of the By-Laws of St. John's Lodge was received, and referred to Brothers Heard, Parkman and McClellan, who subsequently reported favorably on them, and they were approved.

A new draft of the By-Laws of Mount Lebanon Lodge was also received and referred to Brothers Thaxter, Su-

rette and Coolidge. Their report on the same being favorable, was adopted.

On motion of W. Brother Heard, the following vote was adopted :—

Voted, That the Recording Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to send notifications of the Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge to the Masters and Wardens of each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, also to members of Committees of this G. Lodge, who are not otherwise members.

The notifications for the Wardens of any Lodge may be transmitted to the Master of such Lodge, or directly to the Wardens, as they may elect.

The proceedings of Mount Hermon Lodge, working under a Dispensation at Medford, together with a copy of its By-Laws, and a petition for a Charter, were received and referred to Brothers Stevens, Coolidge and Thaxter. This Committee reported in favor of granting a Charter. as prayed for. The Report was adopted.

An invitation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to attend the Dedication of its new Hall in Philadelphia, on the 26th instant, was presented, and referred to the M. W. Grand Master to respond to the same, and make such arrangements as he may deem necessary.

A copy of the proceedings of King Hiram's Lodge, in Provincetown, in the case of Brother Jeremiah Stone, was received and referred to Brothers E. M. P. Wells, W. C. Martin, C. A. Walker, S. M. Hunt and J. P. Ober.

A communication from Brother Stone was also subsequently received, and referred to the same Committee.

On motion of R. W. Brother Paige, the following vote was adopted :—

Voted, That the Secretary of each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction be required to certify to the Grand Secretary the names of the Master and Wardens of his Lodge, within one week next after each annual election.

On motion of Brother Parkman, it was

Voted, That the address of the Grand Master and an account of the ceremonies on redepositing the Plate, &c. in the Corner-Stone of the State House, in this city, be entered on the Records of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Heard, the Grand Master was authorized to have such additions and alterations made to the Regalia, in reference to the Celebration on the 26th inst. in Philadelphia, as he may deem necessary.

On motion of Brother Martin, it was unanimously

Voted, That Mount Hermon Lodge, in Medford, be authorized and empowered to continue their Masonic labors in accordance with the powers and privileges expressed in the Warrant under which they have existed as a legal Masonic body for the past year, and until a Charter shall be presented said Lodge, as per vote of this G. Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past 9 o'clock.

RELAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

[Entered upon Record, as per vote of Grand Lodge, Sept. 12, 1855.]

On the 7th day of August last, (1855,) while the workmen employed by the Commissioners in making repairs to the foundation of the State House, were removing a portion of the earth at the south-east corner of the building, they were surprized by the appearance of a few copper coins and a small leaden box, (if such it may be called,) which consisted of two pieces of sheet lead, loosely put together, without the usual solder generally used by workers in that metal. This accident disclosed the fact, that the rough granite stone, still in its place, was the Corner-Stone of the Capitol, and that the deposit made in 1795, was placed upon the soil with no other protection than a small quantity of the cement employed by the operatives in the construction of the foundation of the building.

With praiseworthy alacrity Messrs. Joseph R. Richards and Samuel K. Hutchinson, two of the Commissioners on the alterations of the State House, secured all the deposits, together with the material that formerly enclosed them, and after consulting His Excellency the Gov-

error of the Commonwealth, and an antiquarian gentleman of Boston, resolved upon having the same plate and coins replaced, without any special display, under a new stone, in a securely prepared metal box, hermetically sealed.

Accordingly, on Saturday, August 11, 1855, just sixty years and thirtyeight days from the date of the original laying of the Corner-Stone, the ancient deposits were placed in a new metallic box made for the purpose, and re-placed without any special ceremony, by the regular successors of those who officiated in 1795, in the same corner, but under a newly hammered granite ashler, resting upon another block of granite, firmly laid upon a new foundation.

This stone is easily distinguished, by being the lowest hammered ashler on the south east corner of the building that has levelled edges.

Before placing the plate within the newly prepared box, a suitable inscription, furnished for the Commissioners, was engraved on its obverse. It reads thus :—

The Corner-Stone of the Capitol
having been removed in consequence of alteration and additions to the building,
the original deposit, together with this inscription,
is replaced by

The Most Worshipful WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,
Grand Master,
and other Officers and Brethren of
The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
in presence of

His Excellency HENRY J. GARDNER,
Governor of the Commonwealth,
on the 11th day of August, A. D. 1855,
A. L. 5855.

JOSEPH R. RICHARDS,
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, } Commissioners.
GEORGE M. TEACHER, }

The silver coins of the United States currency of the present year, and the copper cents and half cents of the last four years, were likewise placed in the box, together with an impression of the State seal, the title page of the first volume of the newly printed Massachusetts Colony Reports, and morning Papers of the day.

After the lid of the box was securely screwed down, the joints were well soldered, and the box was cemented in an excavation prepared in the bottom face of the Corner-Stone, which was subsequently set in its place, in a firm manner, under the direction of the Commissioners.

The M. W. Grand Master, Winslow Lewis, M. D., in replacing the

deposits, addressed the Governor and other Officers of the State, present, in the following terms :—

“ In behalf of the Officers of the G. Lodge, who are the representatives of a numerous Fraternity in this State, I thank your Excellency and the Honorable Committee, for the privilege of participating in this interesting occasion ; one naturally suggestive of the transactions and changes which time has effected since this stone was first placed here, now sixty years ago. The growth of population, the increase of wealth, the diffusion of education, the lives of the great and good who have presided over the destinies of the Commonwealth, and its rapid and uniform progress, would be themes on which a speaker might proudly dilate. But the simple ceremonial which has called a few together, without ceremony, forbid any extended remarks, and I have only to add, in placing this box, the hope that the good Providence which has so long smiled on our happy State, may still vouchsafe us his continued blessings.”

The ceremony of replacement, and which was not of a sufficiently interesting and important character to demand a public display, was conducted in a quiet and unostentatious manner, and was witnessed by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, the President of the Senate, Members of the Executive Council, the Heads of the Departments of State, and other gentlemen.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 12, A. L. 5855.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday evening, December 12th, A. L. 5855.

P R E S E N T.

- M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
- R. W. ABRAHAM T. LOWE, D. G. M.
- “ WILLIAM C. PLUNKETT, S. G. W.
- “ SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, J. G. W.
- “ THOMAS TOLMAN, G. Treasurer.
- “ CHARLES W. MOORE, R. G. Secretary.
- “ JOHN H. SHEPPARD, C. G. Secretary.
- W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS, G. Chaplain p. t.
- “ WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, G. Marshal p. t.
- “ CHARLES ROBBINS, S. G. Deacon.
- “ LEVI RAWSON, J. G. Deacon.

W. Benjamin Stevens, } G. Stewards.
 " John M'Clellan, }
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.
 Br. Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Scavey, | " No. 2. |
| " Peter Lawson, | " No. 3. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, | " No. 4. |
| " Rev. Albert Case, | " No. 5. |
| " Horace Chenery, | " No. 6. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Franklin Weston, | " No. 9. |
| " Charles Mattoon, | " No. 10. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at half-past 6 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother Merrill Pettingill was recognized as Proxy for St. Matthew's Lodge; Brother John Hunt for Norfolk Union, and Brother James A. Dupee for Washington Lodge.

Committees on petitions for Charters, from Lodges having worked under Dispensation the required time, were appointed as follows.—

Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich.—Brothers Hunt, Sleeper and Surette.

Putnam Lodge, East Cambridge.—Brothers Oliver, Wales and Pattee.

Germania Lodge, Boston.—Brothers Martin, Parkman and McClellan.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge, West Dennis.—Brothers Case, Whytal and Flint.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Grand Marshal introduced Brother Wha-bah-Goosh, President Chief of the "Seven United Nations,"—a native Indian in the full costume of his people. He was received by the M. W. Grand Master, and welcomed to the Grand Lodge in a

few cordial and fraternal words ; to which he made a characteristic reply, and took a seat in the East.

A petition, signed by seven Brethren, former members of the late St. Alban's Lodge, Wrentham, praying that the Charter of said Lodge may be restored to them, and that they have permission to hold its future meetings in the town of Foxborough, was presented and referred to *Brs. Raymond, Lathrop and Heard.*

Brother Martin, in behalf of the Committee on the petition of Germania Lodge, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee appointed to examine the Records and By-Laws of Germania Lodge, Boston, have attended to the duties assigned them, and ask leave to

R E P O R T :—

That the manner in which the Lodge books have been kept is evidence that the necessary care and attention have been bestowed upon them.

The By-Laws are predicated on correct Masonic usage, and carefully enjoin upon the members of the Lodge a strict observance of the rules and regulations of Freemasonry, and do not conflict with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. They are written in both the German and English languages.

Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

W. C. MARTIN,
JOHN McCLELLAN,
WM. PARKMAN.

Masonic Temple, Boston, Dec. 12, 1855.

R. W. and Rev. Brother Wells, in behalf of the Committee to whom were referred the proceedings of King Hiram Lodge against Brother Jeremiah Stone, submitted the following Report :—

Masonic Temple, Dec. 12, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the meeting of this Grand Lodge in September, the doings of King Hiram's Lodge, in Provincetown, at the trial of Br. J. Stone, respectfully

R E P O R T :—

That they have carefully examined the doings of King Hiram's Lodge, on the occasion in question, and find that they were conducted

with great regularity, and according to the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

That the charge preferred against Br. Stone was, his having recommended for the blue Masonic degrees, and his having obtained their being conferred on, a person whom he knew had been rejected in another Lodge under your jurisdiction.

Your Committee further find, that this charge was not only proved, but that its truth was fully admitted by the accused at the trial, and also, in a communication received by your Committee from Br. Stone, the same is tacitly admitted under his own hand.

Your Committee further find, that under these circumstances, Br. Stone's expulsion must follow, according to the 2d Sec. of Art. III. of Part Fourth of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which is as follows :—

"If any Mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any Lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, who may not have obtained a recommendation as before provided, such Mason shall be expelled from the Institution."

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. P. WELLS,
W. C. MARTIN,
S. M. HUNT.

The Report was accepted and briefly discussed, when the W. and Rev. Brother Lovell moved that Brother Jeremiah Stone be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. After some discussion, this motion was laid on the table.

The Committee of Finance submitted their Report, which was adopted.

A petition from Mr. J. D. Hoover, praying that he may be restored to his privileges as a Mason, was received and referred to Brothers Robinson, Robbins and Lovell.

The Committee on the petition of Franklin Lodge, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, Dec. 12, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Br. Henry W. Rugg and fourteen other Brethren, for the chartering of a Lodge, to be located at Dennis, in the county of Barnstable, and to whom was

also committed the examination of the doings of these Brethren, acting under a Dispensation granted them by the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and also the By-Laws proposed to be adopted by said Lodge, have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully

REPORT:—

That the application is made in conformity to the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge; their transactions under the Dispensation are in accordance with their duties as prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws proposed to be adopted by the Brethren of said proposed Lodge, are entitled to the approbation of this Grand Lodge—and believing that the interest of our Institution will be promoted thereby, we recommend that a Charter be granted them—the said Lodge to be called “Franklin Lodge.”

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| A. CASE, | } COMMITTEE. |
| THOS. G. WHYTAL, | |
| JOHN FLINT, | |

There being another *Franklin* Lodge in this State, the petitioners in the case, were, on motion of R. W. Brother Case, allowed to take the name of *Benjamin Franklin* Lodge.

The Committee on the petition of Mount Horeb Lodge, offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for a Charter for Mount Horeb Lodge, to be located at West Harwich, ask leave to submit the following

REPORT:

Your Committee find that said Lodge has been regularly organized under a Dispensation from this Grand Lodge, for the term of one year and upwards; that meetings have been regularly held, and proper records of the same have been kept.

Your Committee also find that a code of By-Laws have been adopted for the government of said Lodge, which are in accordance with the requirements and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

And your Committee respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

S. M. HUNT,
C. F. SLEEPER,
· LOUIS A. SURETTE

A Report from the Committee of Charity was presented, and adopted.

The Committee on the petition asking for a restoration of the Charter of the late St. Alban's Lodge, to Brother L. N. Blake and others, submitted a verbal report, to the effect, that the petition was defective, in not having received the approbation of the nearest Lodge. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to grant the prayer of the petitioners whenever he is satisfied that the requirements of the Constitution in the premises, have been complied with.

R. W. Brother Paige offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, Dec. 12, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred a proposition to amend the third Article, Part First of the Constitution, by adding thereto as follows :—"Sec. 2. For further instruction in the Lectures, and Work of the degrees recognized by this Grand Lodge, the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge held in the city of Boston, on the second Wednesday in March, June and September, shall commence at nine o'clock in the morning, in addition to the Special Communication on the 27th of December,"—have considered the subject, and Report—

That it is not expedient to adopt said amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS R. PAIGE,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
ABRAHAM T. LOWE.

The Committee on the Library presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee on the Library

R E P O R T :—

That the object for which they were appointed has been attained so far, that they have the satisfaction of stating, that a very good collection of the best works on Masonry have been procured either by purchase or donation. That the sum expended amounts only to the small amount of something less than \$100. The rest were the gifts of generous and zealous Brethren, and your Committee with pleasure would allude among these, especially to Brother Thomas Waterman, who presented his collection, the gathering of many years. It consisted of twentytwo volumes 8vo. and three folio, containing a series of works

bound in chronological order, with copious indexes and notes by this diligent and well informed Brother. That ardent Mason, Robert Morris, Esq. of Kentucky, also sent several valuable additions, and Brother Leblanc Marconnay, of Paris, has not forgotten us. A member of this Grand Lodge donated a large number, principally collected during a residence on the Continent, and comprising much that is curious in Masonic literature.

The collection at present consists of one hundred and ninety-six volumes bound, and five hundred pamphlets. There are many works both of value and rarity. There are some in the French, Spanish, Italian, German and Dutch languages.

It is proposed by your Committee, at the termination of their duties, to prepare suitable expressions of the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the several donors for their liberality and attention to this important object.

When a suitable apartment shall have been procured for the executive officers of the Grand Lodge, the Library will be there placed, and accessible to the Fraternity, after a Librarian shall have been selected and other preliminaries adopted.

As therefore the duties devolving on your Committee are not fully completed, they ask for further time to finish their labors.

WINSLOW LEWIS, for the Committee.

The Committee on Portraits presented their final Report, as follows, which was adopted :—

The Committee to procure the Portraits of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

R E P O R T :—

That they have the satisfaction to announce that their labors are now completed, and with more success than was anticipated at the time of their appointment. To obtain this result has required great perseverance, a large sacrifice of time and patience, and much of personal toil, but they deem these not in vain when these walls now almost speak of so many of the departed, whose lives and memories are so interwoven with the bright history of Massachusetts Masonry, and not of Masonry only, but with the glory of our old Bay State. Omitting their titles of distinction, let their names alone be their heralds :—

Joseph Warren ; John Warren ; John Cutler ; Paul Revere ; Josiah Bartlett ; Samuel Dunn ; Isaiah Thomas ; Benjamin Russell ; Francis J. Oliver ; Samuel P. P. Fay ; John Dixwell ; John Abbot ; John Soley ; Joseph Jenkins ; Joshua B. Flint ; Paul Dean ; Caleb Butler ;

Augustus Peabody ; Simon W. Robinson ; Edward A. Raymond, and George M. Randall.

Nearly all these were painted by that very excellent artist, our Br. John Pope, and the likenesses are deemed admirable.

Of the whole series two only are wanting and cannot be obtained ; those of the Hon. Timothy Bigelow and Gen. Elijah Crane, and when it is considered that the period of their administration embraces the long term of eightyfive years, it is surely remarkable that so many of the "old familiar faces" are thus preserved to their successors. The Committee were also authorized to enrich the collection (by a vote of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund) with a portrait of Robert G. Shaw, long a member of that Board, and one who was found a true friend when friends were most needed.

St. John's Lodge, the oldest in the United States, at the instigation of your Committee, also favored us by the "presentment" of that most indefatigable and time-honored Mason, John B. Hammatt, Past Master of that Lodge in 1810 ; one still with us to inspire with his presence that devotion and zeal which he has for fiftyfive years ever manifested in the "good old cause."

Thus, my Brethren, the Committee, in evidence of their industry, can bid you look around on these walls, now graced by the effigies of those who once graced the Chair of this Grand Lodge ; and may we all be inspired by the faces of the departed, as well as by those who still are with us, to deserve the consideration and respect due to the good and the true.

WINSLOW LEWIS, for the Committee.

R. W. Brother Harwood offered an amendment to the 10th Sect. of the 8th Art., Part First of the Constitutions, requiring the District Deputy Grand Masters to make their Returns at an earlier day than they are now required to do, which was referred to Brothers Harwood, Dupee and Thornton.

The same R. W. Brother subsequently offered the following vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be referred to a Committee of seven, for general revision ; and that the operation of the new regulations, predicated on the Report of the Committee of which the R. W. Brother George G. Smith was chairman,

and which was adopted by the Grand Lodge in June last, be suspended until otherwise ordered.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed on this Committee, Brothers Randall, Sheppard, Clark, Harwood, Moore, Martin and Thaxter.

The hour for the Election of Officers having arrived, Brothers W. H. L. Smith, Knapp and Stevens were appointed tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result :—

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., of Boston, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., of Boston, S. G. Warden.

“ CHARLES R. TRAIN, Esq., of Framingham, Junior G. Warden.

“ HON. THOMAS TOLMAN, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.

“ CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, Recording G. Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

R. W. DANIEL HARWOOD, WILLIAM PARKMAN, SAMUEL P. OLIVER.

The elections having been completed, the regular business was resumed : when the Committee on the petition of Putnam Lodge presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Brethren, praying for a Charter under the name of Putnam Lodge, to be located at East Cambridge, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

S. P. OLIVER,

BRADFORD L. WALES,

JESSE P. PATTEE.

Boston, Dec. 12, 1855.

At the request of the Brethren of the above Lodge, whose convenience would be greatly promoted thereby, it was

Voted, That Putnam Lodge have permission to continue its work under its Dispensation, until such time as the Charter can be made out, and the Lodge regularly constituted and its officers installed.

The R. W. Brother Randall offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report at the

next Quarterly Meeting of this Grand Lodge, what should be the Regalia and Jewels of the Grand Lodge, and of the subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Randall, Raymond and Moore, to constitute this Committee.

On motion of Brother Smith, the Resolution of expulsion in the case of Brother Stone, was taken from the table, and after debate, the further consideration of the subject was referred to the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Brother Harwood moved to proceed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, occasioned by the election of the M. W. Brother Winslow Lewis to the office of Grand Master, as provided for in the 3d Sec. of Art. 1, Part II., of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

On this motion, a debate arose as to the existence of such vacancy, the result of which was the adoption of the following votes :—

Voted, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that a vacancy exists in the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge will, at its next Communication, proceed to fill the vacancy existing in the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

R. W. Brothers Clark, Heard and Parkman were appointed a Committee to consider the subject of procuring a new organ.

On motion of Brother McClellan, Brothers Heard, Parkman and McClellan were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge, on the 27th inst.

The M. W. Grand Master presented the Square, Level and Plumb, recently used by the Mayor of the City, in laying the Corner-Stone of the new Public Library Building, stating that it was a Gift from the City authorities to

the Grand Lodge. Referred to R. W. Brothers Harwood, Wells and Stevens.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at quarter before 11 o'clock.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION—Dec. 27, A. L. 5855.

A Regular Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Thursday, December 27, A. L. 5855.

MORNING SESSION.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.

W. Louis A. Surette, S. G. W. p. t.

" Caleb Rand, J. G. W. p. t.

R. W. Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.

" Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

W. C. R. Train, G. Marshal.

" William D. Coolidge, G. S. B.

" Robert L. Robbins, S. G. D. p. t.

" Levi Rawson, J. G. Deacon.

" Henry Wilkins, } Grand Stewards, p. t.

" A. S. Sanders, }

" Wm. C. Martin, G. Lecturer.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 9 o'clock, in the morning.

There were present about two hundred Brethren, as representatives and visitors.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a communication, signed by Brother Job Chase and eight others, complaining of certain proceedings in connection with Mount Horeb Lodge, at Harwich. Read and referred to Brothers Bradford, Hammatt and Fowle.

The Trustees of the Temple presented a statement of their Receipts and Disbursements for the past year, which was read and ordered to be recorded.

The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund also presented a statement of their doings for the past year.

The Grand Master having stated the particular business of the meeting to be the exemplification of the Work and Lectures of the degrees, called upon the Grand Lecturers to take their places, organize a temporary Lodge of Instruction, and proceed with the business of their appointment.

The W. Brother Martin, as S. G. Lecturer, assisted by W. Brother Benjamin F. Nourse, as J. G. Lecturer, then organized and opened a Lodge in the *first* degree; and having given the lecture and work of that degree, closed the Lodge and opened it in the *second* degree, and gave the work and lecture of that degree. The Lodge was then closed, and at 12 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. the Grand Lodge reassembled, and the Grand Lecturers resumed their labors, and gave the work and lecture of the *third* degree.

At 4 o'clock, the Grand Lodge was closed until 6 in the evening, for the Installation of its Officers.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled in the evening, at half-past 6 o'clock.

P R E S E N T .

- R. W. Simon W. Robinson, (P. G. M.,) as G. M.
- " Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M.
- " John B. Hammatt, S. G. W. p. t.
- " Seth Sprague, J. G. W. p. t.
- " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
- " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
- " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
- W. Rev. William R. Alger, G. Chaplain.
- " Charles R. Train, G. Marshal.
- " Charles Robbins, S. G. D.
- " Levi Rawson, J. G. D.

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| W. | Benjamin Stevens, | } | G. Stewards. |
| " | John P. Ober, | | |
| " | John McClellan, | | |
| " | Wm. D. Coolidge, | G. S. B. | |
| " | A. S. Beaman, | } | G. Pursuivants. |
| " | Thomas Restieaux, | | |
| " | William C. Martin, | | |
| | G. Lecturer. | | |
| Br. | Irving I. Harwood, | G. Organist. | |
| " | Samuel H. Gregory, | G. Chorister. | |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, | " No. 4. |
| " Rev. Albert Case, | " No. 5. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Benjamin Brown, for Nantucket. | |

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form. Prayer by Rev. N. M. Gaylord.

The R. W. Grand Master then announced the particular business of the evening to be the Installation of the Officers, and appointed the R. W. Brothers Dean, Randall, Dame, Keith and Tolman a Committee to introduce the Grand Master elect, for installation. The Committee having attended to this duty, the M. W. Brother Winslow Lewis was installed in due and ancient form, and saluted by the Brethren as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The M. W. Grand Master then installed the elected officers, and announced the re-appointment of R. W. Abraham T. Low, of Bridgewater, as his Deputy; and having installed him into his office, announced the following

A P P O I N T M E N T S .

- R. W. John H. Sheppard, Boston, Corresponding G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Boston, and Rev. William R. Alger, Boston, G. Chaplains.
 " William D. Coolidge, Boston, G. Marshal.
 " Charles Robbins, Boston, S. G. Deacon.

- W. Levi Rawson, M. D., Farnumsville, J. G. Deacon.
 " Benjamin Stevens, Boston, John P. Ober, Boston, G. Washington Warren, Charlestown, and Marshal Lincoln, Hingham, Grand Stewards.
 " John McClellan, Boston, G. Sword Bearer.
 " A. S. Beaman, Fitchburg, and Thomas Restieaux, Boston, Grand Pursuivants.
 " William C. Martin, Boston, and B. F. Nourse, Cambridge, G. Lecturers.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, Boston, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, Boston, G. Chorister.
 " Eben F. Gay, Boston, G. Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, M. D., Boston, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, Newburyport, | " 2. |
| " Peter Lawson, Lowell, | " 3. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, Framingham, | " 4. |
| " Rev. Albert Case, Hingham, | " 5. |
| " Horace Chenery, Worcester, | " 6. |
| " John Edson, Bridgewater, | " 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, Hyannis, | " 8. |
| " Franklin Weston, Dalton, | " 9. |
| " Charles Mattoon, Greenfield, | " 10. |
| " Benjamin Brown, Special Deputy for Nantucket. | |
| " J. P. Johnson, Special Deputy for Provincetown. | |
| " Charles T. Ward, Special Deputy for Valparaiso, S. A. | |

The foregoing officers having been duly installed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Marshal, the M. W. Grand Master delivered the following interesting and appropriate

ADDRESS.

Another year is added to our venerable and venerated Institution ; again we meet under auspices the most cheering, under circumstances the most favouring ; and it becomes us humbly and devoutly to acknowledge that protecting Providence which has upheld and sustained us. May we now and ever look to Him for support and guidance. Throughout the world, the accession to the Order has been great ; perhaps unparalleled. The timid and the cautious have trem

bled at its increase, and its prosperity has excited alarm. We confess that we entertain no such distrust. We have confidence in the justice of the cause in which we are engaged, and though the storms come, as in the past they have come, the tempests blow, as they have blown, we shall not be shaken, for the rock of TRUTH is our foundation, and against it error shall not prevail.

Within our own jurisdiction, all has been harmonious. We have no dissensions to report, no wounds to heal. Our increase has been rapid but healthy, our course onward and cheering. Cities, towns and villages have added to the brotherhood and strengthened the tie which binds us to the cause of a universal Philanthropy.

The year has passed without a diminution of officers of our Grand Lodge by death. We have been spared once more to gather together; and the sad memorial to departed Brothers, which annually occupies a portion of the address from the Chair, and tinges its features with sadness, it is permitted us, on this occasion, by the mercy of our Father, to omit, but not without our devout thanks for his sparing mercy.

Of the various occurrences during the year, in which this Grand Lodge was called to participate, it may not be without interest to the Brethren to allude particularly to some.

A delegation from Philadelphia visited Boston, and were received and entertained at this our *Masonic Home*; and it is to be hoped, that that brotherly love and interest which have been so long maintained between us, were strengthened and confirmed by that pleasant reunion.

The Grand Lodge, at the invitation of the Lodge at Milford, celebrated the festal day of Masonry at that flourishing place. It was a day of pleasure to all who attended, and the exercises were of a character which reflected great credit on the Milford Brethren.

By the politeness, the good taste and correct judgment of the Commissioners on enlarging the State House, sanctioned by his Excellency the Governor, the Grand Master was invited to re-lay the corner-stone, and a plate was by him deposited, which bore the record, that a successor of Paul Revere (the then Grand Master, who laid the original) was present 60 years subsequent, to assist in a like ceremony.

On the 24th of September, the new Masonic Edifice in Chesnut street, Philadelphia, was dedicated in the most imposing manner. The Grand Lodge of this State were present in full numbers, and received those attentions and fraternal courtesies due to the most ancient Grand Body of Masons in the United States. We cannot but

express the pleasure and pride we feel on stating our conviction, that for splendor of accommodation that beautiful edifice is unsurpassed anywhere. As a valuable hint to the Brethren in this jurisdiction, let it be noted for their example, that the most pleasing and attractive feature in the vast procession on that day, was the uniformity and elegant simplicity of the regalia. The apron of lambskin, and a plain blue sash, were more effective than the most gorgeous paraphernalia; and we would enforce on our Order here, the necessity of a uniform regalia among us, as more consonant with good taste and elegance.

September 17th, the Grand Master was invited to be *present* at the laying of the corner-stone of the *Free Public Library of the City of Boston*. Resolutions passed the Board of Aldermen on the expediency and propriety of observing this time-hallowed practice. The Head of the Municipal Government being of the Order, and as there also appeared to be a general desire that the Masonic ceremonies should be observed on the occasion, it is with regret we add, that they were wholly omitted. We leave the subject without further comment.

On November 8th, the very beautiful edifice erected by the Brethren of Fraternal Lodge at Hyannis, was dedicated by the Grand Master. The assemblage was large, and every thing on the occasion evinced good fellowship and prosperity in this flourishing Masonic District.

Since occupying the Chair of this Grand Lodge, the incumbent has felt the want of information respecting the condition and standing of the other Grand Lodges of the United States, their actions, opinions and decisions. It is evident that such information would be highly valuable and important. It might shed "more light," and make us better acquainted with the great Band with which we are united. It is submitted to you whether our accomplished Corresponding Grand Secretary might not be requested to prepare an annual statement, embracing the subjects just alluded to.

Communications have been received from several of the District Deputies. It is of the greatest importance that all these officers should transmit them. Without this observance, how can the condition of our Lodges be known here, or their mode of work, or any discrepancies which may exist? It is incumbent upon this Body to remedy a complaint which has been made by many Lodges, that they have no opportunity afforded them by the parent Body of being taught the lectures and correct work. This should be done, by either the Grand Lecturers or the District Deputies, who are competent to do so, and their expenses paid from the common fund.

It is recommended by the Grand Officer of the 10th District, that the charter of Mt. Vernon Lodge, Belchertown, Thomas, Monson, and Humanity, Brimfield, be recalled, as these have long ceased to be working Lodges. It is therefore suggested that they be stricken from the roll.

It is with regret, that the Chair is compelled by a sense of imperious duty to state, that Dispensations for conferring degrees with uncalled for rapidity, have been granted to an alarming number. If among those who have thus erred, there be any present, let them in future be chary of such favors. The necessity should be urgent, and well considered, ere granted; and to those, whether present or absent, who have the exercise of such power, let its operation be deeply impressed on their minds. One thus hastily received into the Order must necessarily lose much of the import and impress of his duties and obligations. His ideas of Masonry must be vague and perhaps unsatisfactory. Bewildered at the portal, he can discover no beauties in the edifice. The basis being feeble, there cannot be raised a proper superstructure. Let this be amended.

The "Charity Fund" is very naturally an object of interest and solicitude to the members of the Grand Lodge, and to every Massachusetts Mason; and though this may not be the place, and if it were, the Chair has neither the data nor the time, for a detailed history of it; yet, it may not be uninteresting to some of our Brethren present to learn, that it has been in existence for nearly half a century, and that it has been, under a kind Providence, an important and efficient instrument in sustaining the interests of this Grand Lodge, and of the Fraternity throughout this whole Commonwealth. But for it, we should not now be assembled in this beautiful Hall. But for it, Masonry in this Commonwealth would at this moment be without a permanent Home. Its origin was briefly as follows:—

In December, 1809, the Grand Lodge appointed a Committee, consisting of R. W. Bros. John Soley, Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Benj. Russell and Shubael Bell, to digest and report a "plan for carrying into execution a Fund for Charity," as contemplated by the 4th Chap. of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. This Committee did not make their report until January, 1811, when they submitted a plan, the wisdom of which, an experience of nearly fifty years has but approved and confirmed. It provided for the holding of the Fund by a Board to be denominated the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and to consist of the

Grand Master, Dep. Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and four Brethren to be chosen by Grand Lodge, to serve during good behavior. The first Trustees so chosen were Josiah Bartlett, M. D.; John Warren, M. D.; Hon. Thomas Dawes and Rev. Dr. John Elliott; and these Brethren, with Hon. Timothy Bigelow, G. M., Hon. John Abbot, D. G. M., and Andrew Sigourney, Esq., G. T., constituted the *first* Board. The plan thus submitted, further provided for the increase of the Fund, by appropriating one-fourth part of the annual dues paid by the Lodges to the Grand Lodge, and one dollar for each candidate initiated within the jurisdiction, together with one-half of all donations to the Grand Lodge, not otherwise appropriated by the donors. As a basis to build upon, the Grand Lodge in 1811 voted \$1,000 in *specie* to the Fund. It also provided that no loan or donation should be made from the principal of the Fund, until the income thereof shall amount to \$3,000 per annum, though the Treasurer was empowered to hold in his hands one year's interest, to be distributed in charity to worthy Brethren, should occasion require.

There is not time to follow up the history of the Fund, to depict its early struggles, its many trials and discouragements, or its importance in the great struggle of this Grand Lodge, when but for its efficient aid, the wisest among us is not wise enough to say what the result might have been. Of this, we are certain, that for many years, the only pecuniary support this Grand Lodge received from any source, came from this Fund.

For the better security of the Fund, the Grand Lodge in 1816, applied to the Legislature and obtained an act of incorporation; under which it continued to hold its property, and to transact its fiscal business, until the year 1834, when, for wise reasons, it surrendered its legal charter to the Body from whence it was received, and resumed its position as a voluntary association. At this time, it had invested its Charity Fund in real estate, in this Temple, which it could neither safely hold nor manage, except as provided by the laws of this Commonwealth. It accordingly sold the property outright to a wealthy and trustworthy Brother, who held it until such time as the Grand Lodge thought itself warranted in repurchasing it for the benefit of the Fraternity, not of Boston, but of the whole State. This it did, and had the property conveyed by deed to nine Trustees, in perpetuity, with power to fill their own vacancies, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. These Trustees are required by the deed of trust to pay the debt due to the Grand Charity Fund, and all mortgages and other demands against the property, or which the Grand Lodge had

contracted in the erection of the building. This they have done to a very considerable extent, and the probability is, that in a few years more of prosperity, they will be able to free the building from all incumbrances. At that time, and not before, it may properly be regarded as a source of income to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Charity Fund at present consists of an investment in this Temple, one safe and productive; and the Fund gives promise of being able in a short period, to lend its aid to a more extended action of Masonic charity.

The Trustees of the Temple have paid during the last five years on the debt of the Grand Lodge, besides making necessary and some expensive alterations and repairs, the sum of \$6,808 79, leaving a debt still due on note and mortgage amounting to \$14,500, besides the sum due the Grand Charity Fund. From my own knowledge, this Board are entitled to the entire confidence and thanks of the Grand Lodge, for their faithfulness and disinterested services. Their labors have been arduous, and their industry untiring. They have given their talents and time to the work, and though they have a lawful right to a fair compensation for their services, secured to them by the deed of trust, I am happy as I am proud to say, that they have never appropriated so much as "half a Jewish shekel of silver" to their own use, or to any other purpose whatever, than the actual and legitimate purposes of their appointment.

There is a subject which has been agitated in most of the Grand Lodges of these United States, but, so far, it is believed without any successful result, viz.: the bringing of non-affiliated Masons to share in the labors and expenses to which every one should lend his aid. The Brother who does not do either of these, is undeserving of his title. He is a drone in our hive. He, or his posterity, his widow and orphans, may reap where he has not sown, and may share where he has had no investment. It is of importance to find a remedy for such backsliders, and it is submitted to your wisdom to apply it.

During the past year, the following Warrants and Charters have been issued, viz. :—

Jan. 18th.—Warrant to Agawam Lodge, at Wareham, to John M. Kenny and others, on the recommendation of Plymouth and King David's Lodges.

March 16th.—Warrant to De Witt Clinton Lodge, at Sandwich, to the Rev. Thos. Borden and others. Recommended by Fraternal Lodge, Barnstable.

March 15th.—Warrant to Gate-of-the-Temple Lodge, at South Bos-

ton, to Rev. J. H. Clinch and others. Recommended by St. Paul's Lodge.

March 16th.—Charter returned to Good Samaritan Lodge, at Reading.

Sept. 12th.—Charter granted to Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford, to George Hervey and others.

Dec. 12th.—Warrant to Blackstone River Lodge, at Blackstone, to Lewis Warfield and others. Recommended by Montgomery Lodge.

Dec. 13th.—Charter granted to Germania Lodge, Boston, to A. F. Bloch and others.

Dec. 13th.—Charter to Benj. Franklin Lodge, West Dennis, to Henry A. Rugg and others.

Dec. 13th.—Charter to Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich, to Anthony Kelly and others.

Dec. 13th.—Charter to Putman Lodge, East Cambridge, to Ezra Ripley and others.

Dec. 13th.—Warrant to Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn, to David Tillson and ten others. Recommended by King Hiram Lodge, West Cambridge.

The number of initiates in the several Districts is as follows :—

District 1, 283 ; 2, 108 ; 3, 84 ; 4, 26 ; 5, 33 ; 6, 37 ; 7, 48 ; 8, 86 ; 9, 47 ; 10, 50 ; Nantucket, 4 ; Valparaiso, S. A., 17 ; Germania, U. D., 13 ; Putman, U. D., 15 ; Mount Hermon, U. D., 5 ; Wareham and Proviucetown no returns. Being a total in round numbers, of nine hundred !

Thus, my Brethren, you have a very cursory detail, but one evincing nought but prosperity. It has been stated, that we neither fear or tremble at the omen. The seed thus sown cannot all fall upon stony ground. Some must take root. What a product, if but even a moiety of successful increase ! This warmed into a dilated benevolence, expanded to a better appreciation of the relations which should be fostered between mankind, it must have its wide, salutary, holy influences. In all human organizations, there will be mingled the active and energetic with the lukewarm and inefficient. We trust that we shall have received among us, enough of the good leaven to lighten and invigorate the old stock, and to perpetuate those principles and actions which so long have shed a halo on the institution of Freemasonry. So mote it be.

The Grand Master having concluded, introduced the W. Brother G. Washington Warren, of Charlestown, who had been invited by the Committee of Arrangements to address the Grand Lodge on this, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The address was a philosophical analysis of the character and objects of the Institution, and was well received by the Brethren.

On motion, the address of the Grand Master was referred to R. W. Brothers Paige, Randall and Robinson.

On motion of R. W. Brother Harwood, the Grand Lodge proceeded to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, as per vote at last Communication. W. Brothers Coolidge, McClellan and Surette were appointed a Committee to collect the ballots, who subsequently reported Brother Thomas Restieaux as elected; whereupon Brother Restieaux resigned his office as one of the Pursuivants of the Grand Lodge.

A petition, signed by W. Brother Clemant A. Walker and twentyfive others, praying for a Dispensation for a new Lodge in Boston, to be called "The Winslow Lewis Lodge," was presented, and on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted.

The R. W. Brother Randall, in behalf of the Committee on Regalia, made a partial report, recommending the purchase of regalia similar to that of the Grand Lodge of England, for the first four officers of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on motion of R. W. Brother Harwood, it was

Voted, That the Committee be authorized and instructed to import from England, an entire set of Regalia, like that worn by the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, for the use of the Officers of this Grand Lodge, provided the cost of the same shall not, in the opinion of the Committee and of the Grand Master, be in disproportion to the means of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past 10 o'clock.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

- 5816. Francis J. Oliver, Esq.
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- 5834. Joshua B. Flint, M. D.
- 5837. Rev. Paul Dean.
- 5845. Simon W. Robinson, Esq.
- 5848. Edward A. Raymond, Esq.
- 5851. Rev. George M. Randall.
- 5854. Winslow Lewis, M. D.

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- 5819. Asa Eaton, D. D.
- 5832. Abraham A. Dame, Esq.
- 5837. George G. Smith, Esq.
- 5843. John B. Hammatt, Esq.
- 5844. Rev. E. M. P. Wells.
- 5851. Lucius R. Paige, Esq.
- 5854. Abraham T. Low, M. D.

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- 5833. Elias Haskell, Esq.
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- 5844. Robert Keith, Esq.
- 5848. John J. Loring, Esq.
- 5853. Daniel Harwood, M. D.
- 5854. Richard S. Spofford, M. D.
- 5854. Hon. William C. Plunkett.

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- 5844. John Hews, Esq.
- 5845. John R. Bradford, Esq.
- 5851. William Eaton, Esq.
- 5852. John Flint, M. D.
- 5853. Rev. Benjamin Huntoon.
- 5854. Jonas A. Marshall, M. D.
- 5854. Samuel K. Hutchinson, Esq.

LIST OF LODGES.

THE following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of
District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, viz :

First District.

R. W. HENRY G. CLARK, M. D. Boston.

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| St. John's, Boston, | Hiram, West Cambridge, |
| St. Andrew's, Boston, | Star-of-Bethlehem, Chelsea, |
| Massachusetts, Boston, | Mt. Tabor, East Boston, |
| Columbian, Boston, | St. Paul's, South Boston, |
| Mt. Lebanon, Boston, | Baalbec, East Boston, |
| Anicable, Cambridge, | Mount Hermon, Medford, |
| Washington, Roxbury, | Putnam, East Cambridge, |
| King Solomon, Charlestown, | Germania, Boston, |
| Union, Dorchester, | Gate-of-the-Temple, S. Boston, U.D. |
| Bethesda, Brighton, | Winslow Lewis, Boston, U. D. |

Second District.

R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, Newburyport.

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| St. Mark's, Newburyport, | Liberty, Beverly, |
| Jordan, Danvers, | Tyrian, Gloucester, |
| Warren, Amesbury, | Mt. Carmel, Lynn, |
| Philanthropic, Marblehead, | Ashler, Rockport, |
| Essex, Salem, | St. John's, Newburyport. |

Third District.

R. W. PETER LAWSON, Lowell.

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| Corinthian, Concord, | Ancient York, Lowell, |
| St. Paul's, Groton, | St. Matthew's, Andover, |
| Pentucket, Lowell, | Merrimac, Haverhill, |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, | Good Samaritan, Reading, |
| Grecian, Lawrence, | Mount Horeb, Woburn, U. D. |

Fourth District.

R. W. JONA. GREENWOOD, Framingham.

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| Middlesex, Framingham, | Meridian, Natick. |
| Monitor, Waltham, | |

Fifth District.

R. W. Rev. ALBERT CASE, Hingham.

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| Rising Star, Stoughton, | Old Colony, Hingham, |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, | Agawam, Wareham, |
| Rural, Quincy, | Norfolk Union, Randolph, |
| Plymouth, Plymouth, | St. Albans, Foxboro.' |

Sixth District.

R. W. HORACE CHENERY, Worcester.

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| Olive Branch, Sutton, | Doric, Southbridge, |
| Meridian Sun, Brookfield, | Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, |
| Mount Zion, Hardwick, | Eden, Ware, |
| Harris, Templeton, | Franklin, Grafton, |
| Morning Star, Worcester, | Montgomery, Milford. |
| Oxford, Oxford, | Blackstone River, Blackstone, U.D. |

Seventh District.**R. W. JOHN EDSON**, Bridgewater.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, | Mount-Hope, Troy, Fall River, |
| King David, Taunton, | Bristol, Attleboro, |
| Star-in-the-East, New-Bedford, | Paul Revere, N. Bridgewater, U.D. |

Eighth District.**R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER**, Hyannis.

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| Fraternal, Barnstable, | Benj. Franklin, West Dennis, |
| Mt. Horeb, West Harwich, | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, U. D. |

Ninth District.**R. W. FRANKLIN WESTON**, Dalton.

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| Cincinnatus, Sheffield, | Lafayette, N. Adams, |
| Evening Star, Lee, | Chicopee, Chicopee, |
| Mystic, Pittsfield, | Mount Moriah, Westfield, U. D. |
| Hampden, Springfield, | |

Tenth District.**CHARLES MATTOON**, Greenfield.

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| Republican, Greenfield, | Jerusalem, Northampton, |
| Harmony, Northfield, | Mount Tom, Holyoke. |

Union, Nantucket, **BENJAMIN BROWN**, Special Deputy.King Hiram, Provincetown, **J. P. JOHNSON**, Special Deputy.Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., **CHARLES T. WARD**, Special Deputy.

☞ The M. W. Grand Master requests, that the presiding officers of the respective Lodges under this jurisdiction, cause this communication to be read in open Lodge; and also the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to be read at the annual meetings of the Lodges.

G. SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:**CHAS. W. MOORE**, 33 School street, Boston, Mass.

CONFERRING DEGREES.

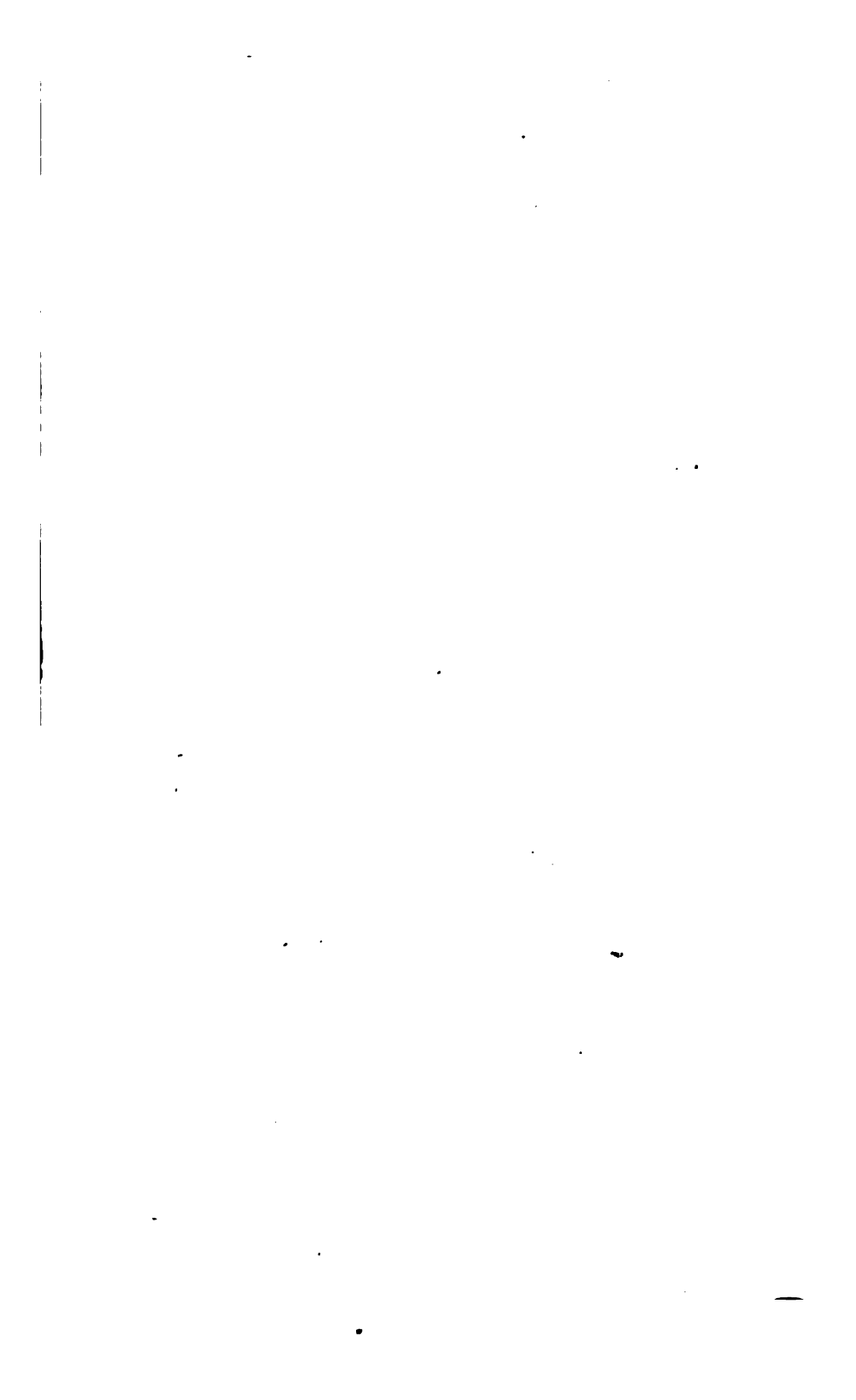
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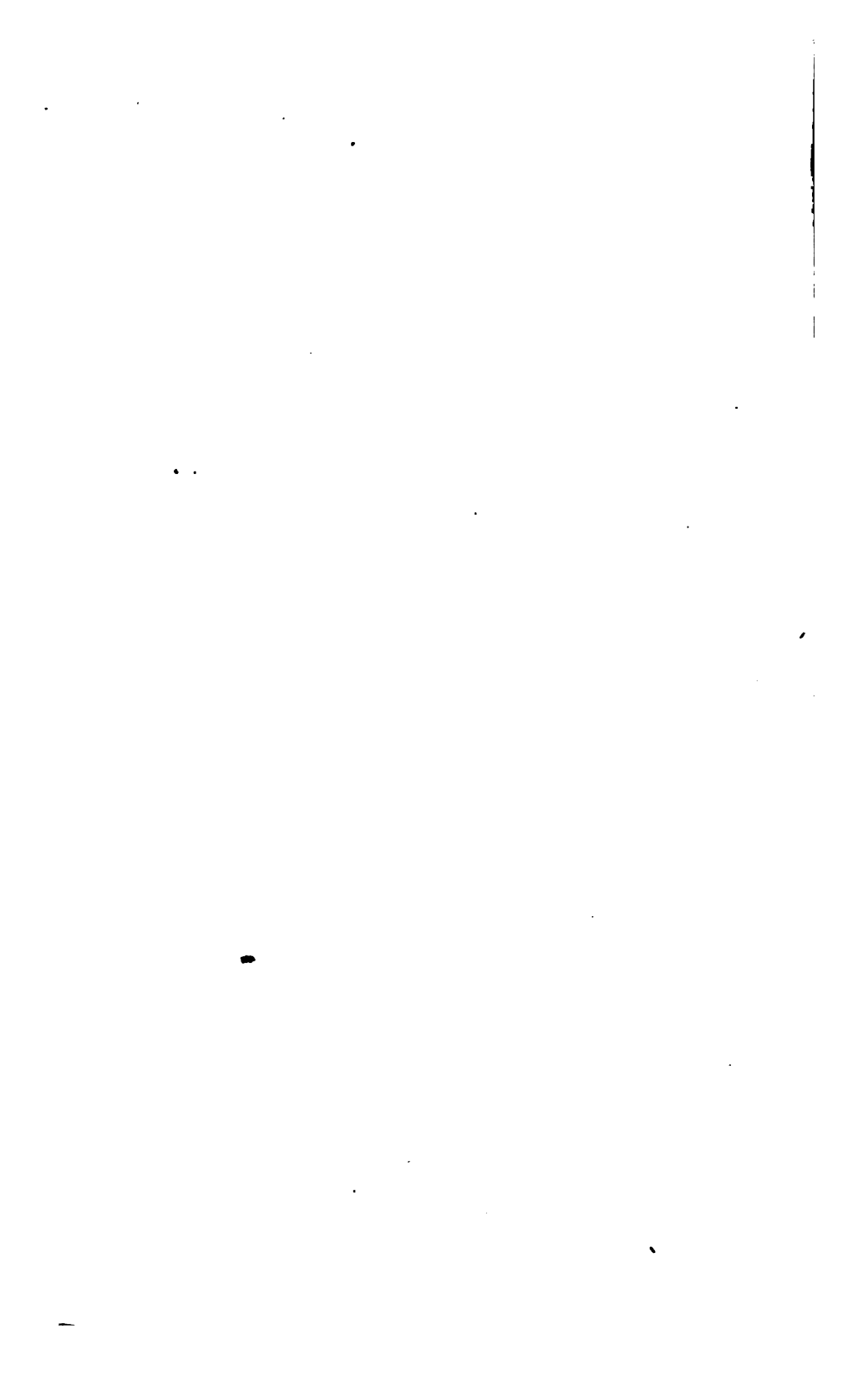
“ Ordered, That from and after the passage of this order, it shall not be regular to give more than one degree to the same individual on the same day, nor at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, unless a dispensation shall have been obtained therefor.”

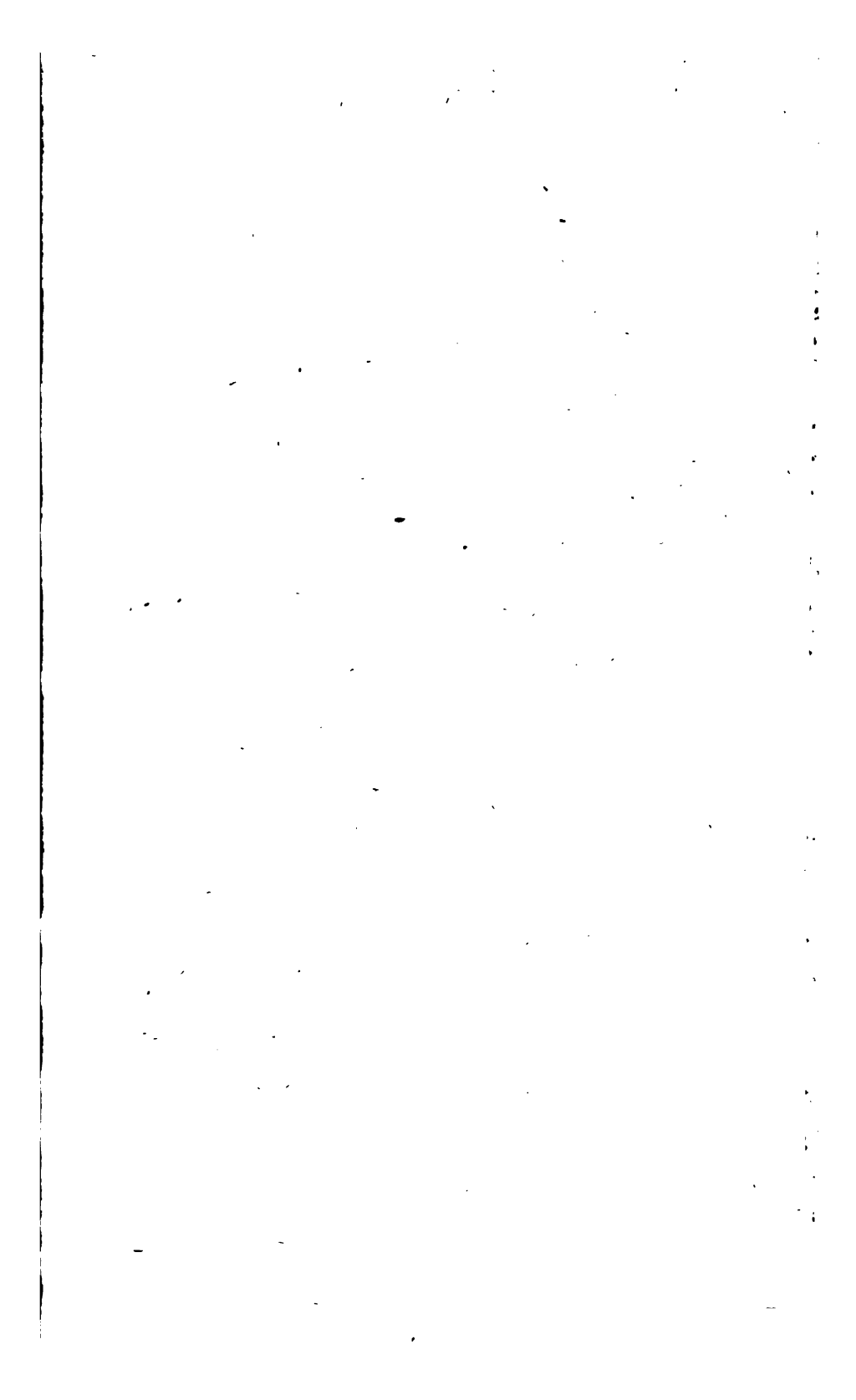
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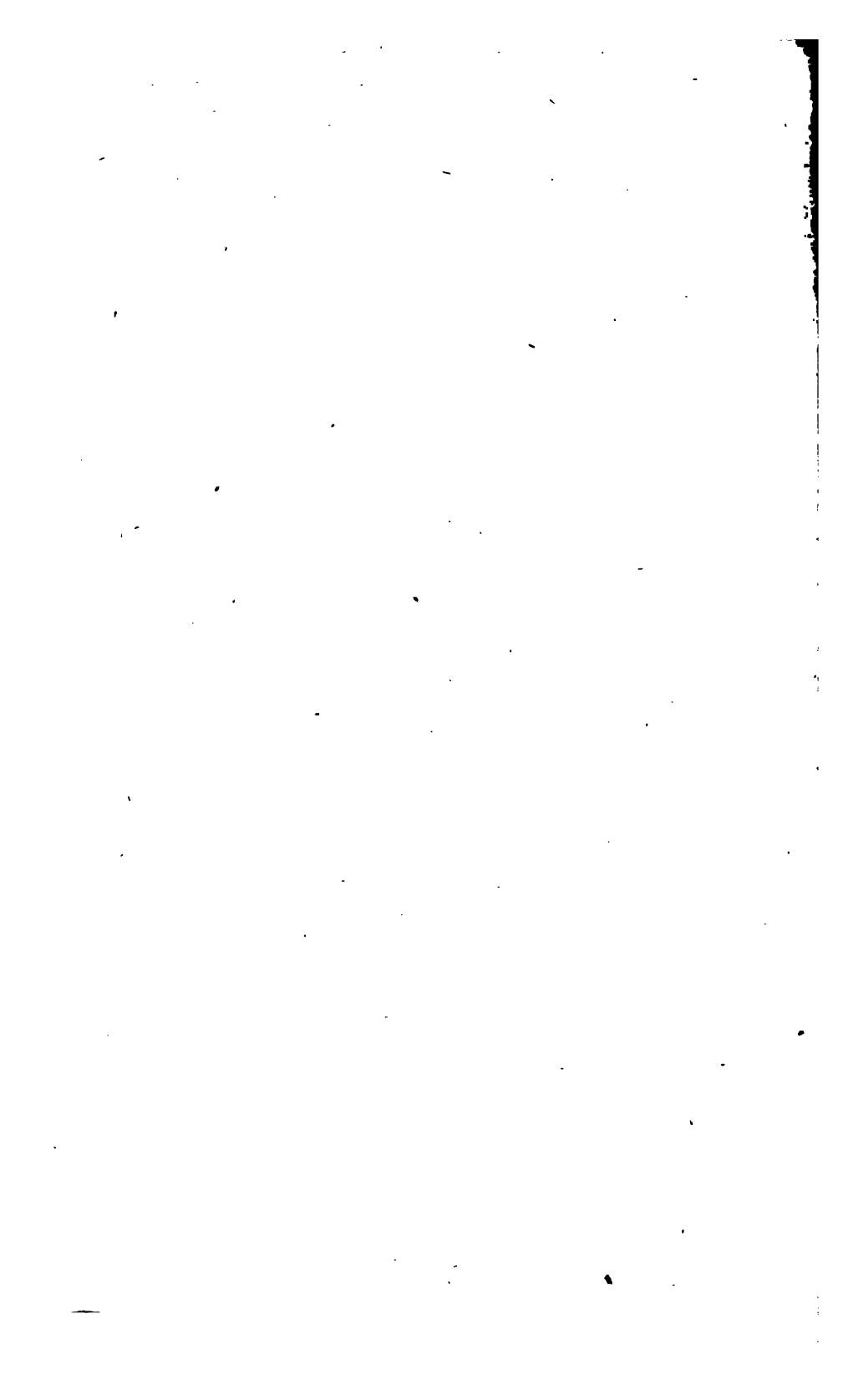
In Grand Lodge, Sept. 9, 1846, it was

“ Ordered, That Section 10, Part IV., of the Constitutions, be amended by substituting \$6 instead of \$4, as the Annual Fee of each Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge ; and \$5 instead of \$3 50, as the Fee of every Candidate Initiated.







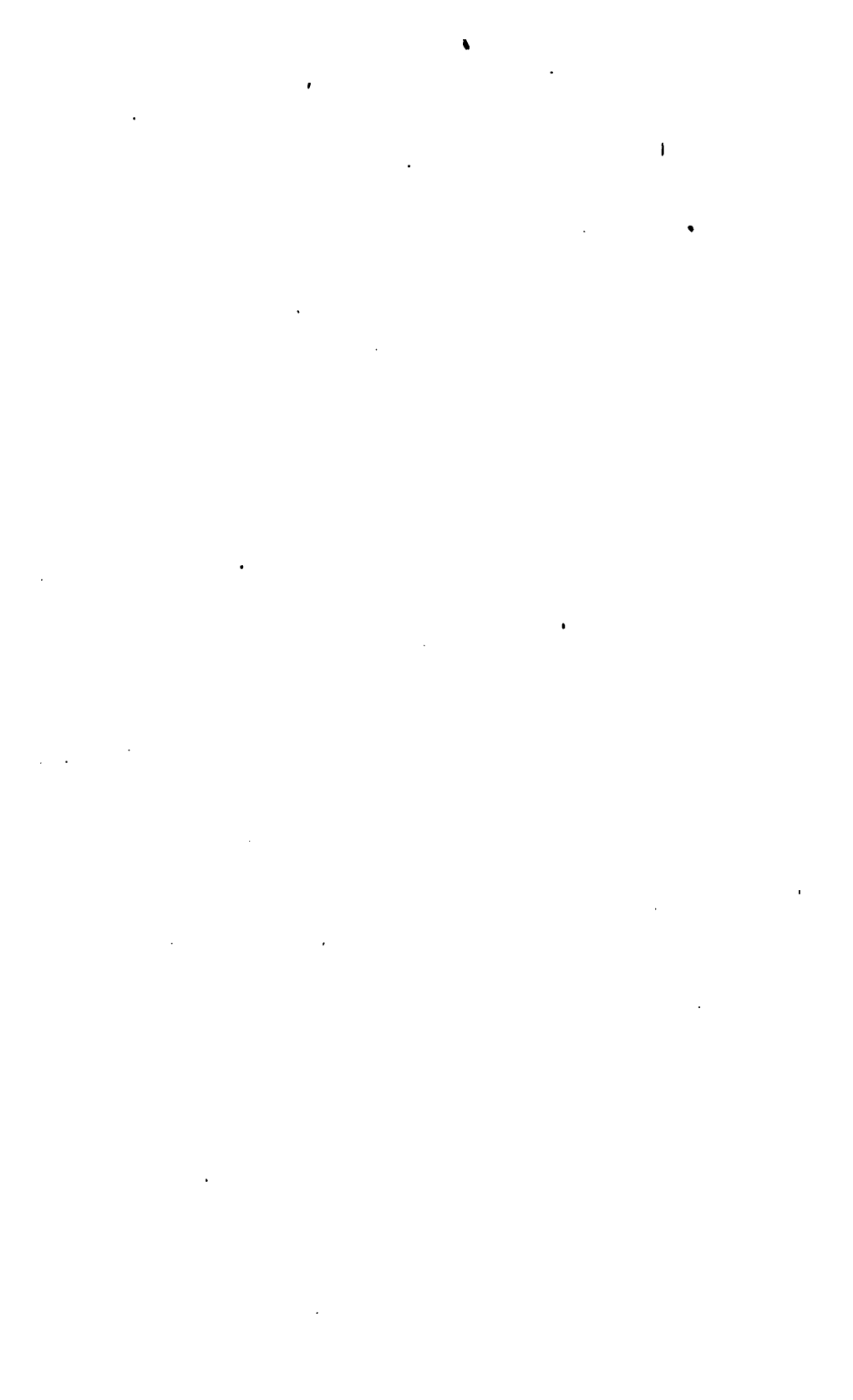


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FROM
MARCH 12, 5856, TO DECEMBER 30, 5856.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 12, A. L. 5856.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday Evening, March 12, A. L. 5856.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
R. W. Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M.
" John Flint, S. G. W. p. t.
" Charles R. Train, J. G. W.
" Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
" Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
" John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
W. Rev. William R. Alger, G. Chaplain.
" William D. Coolidge, G. Marshal.
" William C. Martin, S. G. Deacon, p. t.
" Levi Rawson, J. G. D.
" Benjamin Stevens, } Grand Stewards.
" John P. Ober, }
" John McClellan, G. S. B.
Br. Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, | District No. 1. |
| “ Jonathan Greenwood, | “ No. 4. |
| “ Horace Chenery, | “ No. 6. |
| “ Sylvester Baxter, | “ No. 8. |
| “ J. P. Johnson, for Provincetown. | |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at quarter-past 7 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Stephen Lovell.

R. W. Brother Paige presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, March 12th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, ask leave to submit their

REPORT:

On examination, it appears that almost every subject in the Grand Master's address, which requires action by the Grand Lodge, has already been referred to special Committees. An extended report on those subjects by this Committee, would therefore be superfluous. We may be permitted, however, briefly to express an opinion in regard to them.

We have been permitted to see the recommendations in regard to the duty of the Corresponding Grand Secretary, and the method of general instruction by the Grand Lecturers, which will be proposed by the Committee on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws : and we believe, if those recommendations shall be adopted, a remedy will be found for the evils mentioned.

In regard to Regalia, we are of opinion that simplicity and uniformity are very desirable. An officer's rank should be clearly denoted by his jewel : but such, too frequently, is not the fact. Members, also, would more readily be recognized as Masons, by the peculiar badge of a Mason, than by aprons emblazoned with manifold devices.

Dispensations should be prudently granted, or not at all. If never to be refused, it were better to grant general permission to Lodges, to use their own discretion, than to require the idle formality of asking what is certain to be granted, whether there be an actual emergency or not. We hope and believe that the Committee, having this matter in charge, will report a more stringent rule than has prevailed, and that it will be adopted.

The subject of non-affiliated Masons has occasioned much perplexity to the Grand Lodges which have hitherto attempted to deal with it. No successful result has yet been attained. We have doubts whether such result can be obtained, through the exercise of legitimate power by any Grand Lodge. If Brethren feel so little interest in Masonry, that they forbear to take membership when it does not involve manifest inconvenience : if they stand aloof and thus discountenance the efforts of the faithful :—the question may well arise whether they are to be regarded as worthy Brethren, and whether they would come within the prescribed rule, in a case of emergency. Their case, however, we apprehend, is one, which if curable, must be treated by moral suasion, rather than by legal enactment. If they be convinced that their present position is unmasonic and ask membership, of their own free will and accord, we might hope for mutual advantage. But compulsory membership, even if practicable, gives very slight promise of benefit to either party. Having this view of the subject, we do not recommend any action by the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, *for the Committee.*

A petition from Br. John M. Kinney and six others, former members of Social Harmony Lodge, praying for a restoration of the Charter of said Lodge, was presented, and referred to Brothers W. H. L. Smith, Wales and Thaxter. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, March 12th, 5856.

The Committee on the petition of sundry Brethren for the restoration of the Charter to Social Harmony Lodge, of the towns of Middleboro' and Wareham, ask leave to

R E P O R T,

That the petition be returned to the petitioners, because they have not as yet complied with requirements of the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, in regard to giving notice to the Lodge nearest the residence of the petitioners.

W. H. L. SMITH, *for the Committee.*

R. W. Br. Robinson, in behalf of the Committee on the petition of Mr. J. D. Hoover, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge, March 12th, A. D. 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. J. D. Hoover, an expelled Mason, have attended to the duty assigned them, and

REPORT:

That they have examined the papers placed in their hands, and have also made inquiries of Brethren who recollected the individual, and some of the circumstances attending his expulsion, and are constrained to believe, that it would be inexpedient to reinstate him, and would respectfully recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

S. W. ROBINSON, *for the Committee.*

R. W. Bro. Harwood asked to be excused from further service on the Committee to whom was referred the question of a proper disposition of the Square, Level and Plumb, used by the Mayor of the city of Boston, at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Public Library, and which the Mayor had tendered to the Grand Lodge. The request was granted, and Brother John P. Ober was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

The Dispensation, Records, and By-Laws of Agawam Lodge were presented and referred to Brothers C. Rand, R. I. Robbins and C. Allen Browne. This Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT.

March 12th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Agawam Lodge, for a Charter, would respectfully ask for further time (until the next Communication of this Grand Lodge). And would recommend that the present Dispensation be extended for three months.

CALEB RAND.
ROBT. L. ROBBINS.
C. ALLEN BROWNE.

R. W. Br. Randall, in behalf of the Committee on Regalia, offered a Report on that subject, which was received and laid on the table until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Gate-of-the-Temple Lodge, South Boston, and De Witt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich, respectively returned their Dispensations, and asked that Charters might issue instead thereof. Referred to R. W. Brothers Sheppard, Tolman and Moore. This Committee subsequently presented the following Reports, which were adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Gate-of-the-Temple Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That said Lodge under a Dispensation has been duly organized for one year—have held regular meetings, and, as it appears by their Records, have done their work faithfully.

Your Committee have examined their Code of By-Laws and find that they are in accordance with the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: and your Committee with much pleasure refer to the neatness and elegant chirography in which their By-Laws and Records have been kept.

And as the customary fees have been paid into the Grand Treasury, they recommend that a Charter be granted as prayed for in said petition.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
THOS. TOLMAN.
CHAS. W. MOORE.

March 12th, 1856.

The Committee to whom the petition of De Witt Clinton Lodge was referred, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That said Lodge was duly organized under a Dispensation during one year, and held frequent meetings, and did much work—and that they kept records thereof and passed a Code of By-Laws.

That they have examined the said Code of By-Laws, and with such amendments as your Committee have recommended, they will be in due accordance with the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The Committee, therefore, report that a Charter be immediately granted. And whenever said Code of By-Laws shall be presented to the M. W. Grand Master and by him be approved, said De Witt Clinton Lodge shall be entitled to Consecration, and not before.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
THOS. TOLMAN.
C. W. MOORE.

March 12th, 1856.

A complaint of Mount Tom Lodge against Hampden Lodge for infringement of jurisdiction, was presented and referred to Bros. Dame, Martin and Thornton.

A petition signed by Brother James Anderson and seven others, former members of the late Mountain Lodge, Colrairie, praying for a restoration of the Charter of said Lodge, with permission to hold the same in the village of Shelburne Falls, was presented and referred to Brs. Knapp, Stevens and Weston. This Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, March 12th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Members of Mountain Lodge, formerly of Colrairie, in the County of Franklin, having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to

R E P O R T :

That the Charter of said Lodge be restored whenever it shall appear to the M. W. Grand Master, that the Lodge nearest to said Mountain Lodge, have received notice of the prayer of said petitioners, and all the other requisitions of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge having been complied with. And that the said Lodge be removed to Shelburne Falls, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

WILLIAM KNAPP, *for the Committee.*

A copy of the proceedings of Grecian Lodge, on the complaint of Bro. W. H. Bridgman and others *vs.* Bro. Jeremiah Ryan, a member of said Lodge, was presented and referred to Bros. Tolman, Alger and R. Keith.

R. W. Bro. Bradford in behalf of the Committee on the complaint against Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

The Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon certain charges made by Bros. Job Chase, Wm. Earle, Warren Freeman and six others their associates, against the Master, Officers and Members of Mount Horeb Lodge, of West Harwich, Massachusetts, would respectfully

REPORT,

That your Committee notified to be present at a hearing, to be had on Friday, the seventh instant, W. Nehemiah D. Kelley, Master of Mount Horeb Lodge, W. Sylvester Baxter, D. D. G. M., in whose District the Lodge is located, and Brothers Warren Freeman, Job Chase and Wm. Earle, signers to the petition under the consideration of your Committee: that a hearing was had at the time specified before the full Committee, and that there appeared before them W. N. D. Kelley, Master, Anthony Kelley, Sec'y, Anthony Kelley, member, Warren Freeman and Wm. Earle, signers to the petition under consideration; W. Sylvester Baxter, D. D. G. M.; Brothers Judah Baker and W. S. Albertson, the last three more or less acquainted with the facts in the case.

Your Committee examined thoroughly into the charges against the Officers and Members of the Lodge, and after such examination, upon private consultation, were unanimously of the opinion, that with one exception the charges were not sustained. This one exception consisted in the admission of members during the first year, while working under a Dispensation.

Your Committee are of opinion that this irregular practice, conflicting with the rules and regulations of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, arose entirely from ignorance of the Law of the Grand Lodge forbidding such admission of Members, and find that as soon as the Master became informed, respecting his error, the irregularity ceased.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and would earnestly suggest to the Brethren of Harwich, that, as their differences appear to have arisen from causes entirely local in their nature; a full discharge of their Masonic duties demands of them that by mutual forbearance and conciliation, they should endeavor to heal the breach which now unhappily interrupts their harmony and impairs their usefulness.

JOHN R. BRADFORD.

JOHN B. HAMMATT.

WM. B. FOWLE, JR.

Boston, March 7th, 1856.

R. W. Bro. Randall in behalf of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, presented a Report recommending sundry amendments. The Report was ordered to be printed and distributed to the Lodges, and among the members of the G. Lodge,

sixty days before the Quarterly Communication in June next.

R. W. Bro. Robinson offered the following as an additional amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to be printed with the Report of the above Committee:—

To strike out of the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters, on page 21, Sec. 10th, Art. 8th, Part 1, the following words:—

“They shall have power to grant Dispensations for initiation, and, in cases of emergency, for public processions.”

Also, to add to the 1st Sec. of Art. 4, Part 3d, after the words “without a Dispensation therefor” as follows:—

“From the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to report his reasons for so doing at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge thereafter.”

Bro. Gardner moved to amend the 1st Sec., Art. 3d, Part 1st, by adding after the word September, on the 11th page of the printed Constitutions, the word “at *two o'clock P. M.*” Ordered to be printed with the foregoing Report.

On motion of W. Bro. W. H. L. Smith, the case of Bro. Jeremiah Stone, was called up and referred to Bros. Martin, Parkman and Oliver. R. W. Bros. Moore and Harwood, were subsequently added to this Committee.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at quarter-past 10 o'clock.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, JUNE 11, A. L. 5856.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday Evening, June 11, A. L. 5856.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
 R. W. Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M.
 " John B. Hammatt, S. G. W. p. t.
 " John R. Bradford, J. G. W. p. t.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain, p. t.
 " William D. Coolidge, G. Marshal.
 " Charles Robbins, S. G. D.
 " George Talbot, J. G. D. p. t.
 " John P. Ober, } Grand Stewards.
 " Marshall Lincoln, }
 " John McClellan, G. S. B.
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, | District No. 1. |
| " Peter Lawson, | " No. 3. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, | " No. 4. |
| " John Edson, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

A petition signed by the Constitutional number of former members of Marine Lodge, Falmouth, praying for a restoration of the Charter of said Lodge, was presented and referred to Bros. Surette, Thornton and Howard.

This Committee subsequently submitted a verbal Report, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, which Report was adopted.

A similar petition was also presented from Sylvester Spencer and seven others, former members of Wisdom

Lodge, West Stockbridge, praying for a restoration of the Charter of said Lodge, which was referred to Bros. E. G. Eaton, E. D. Bailey and S. T. Drake.

This Committee subsequently reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, which was adopted.

R. W. Brother Tolman submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of Grecian Lodge, at Lawrence, relative to the suspension of Jeremiah Ryan, a member of said Lodge, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to submit the following

R E P O R T :

At a meeting of said Lodge, held March 9th, 1855, a complaint in writing, signed by four members, was made against the Brother above mentioned for gross intemperance. He was duly notified of the charge preferred against him. The case was postponed from time to time, so that the trial did not take place until the 6th of Nov., 1855.

From the evidence given at the trial, a copy of which was transmitted with the other papers, it appears that efforts had been made by friendly counsel and admonition, to reclaim the offending Brother before any proceedings were instituted against him. It was found, however, that all attempts to save him were ineffectual.

When his trial took place, the proof against him was so strong that he was adjudged to be guilty by a unanimous vote, and a sentence of suspension inflicted.

Your Committee are of opinion that Grecian Lodge ought to be commended for their disciplinary action in this unpleasant affair. They first endeavored in the true spirit of Masonry, to save a falling Brother, but not being able to do so, they did not hesitate to protect themselves from the stigma that would inevitably have fallen not on them only, but the whole Fraternity, by the gross unmasonic conduct of an unworthy member. Their proceedings appear to have been regular and constitutional, and we recommend that they be approved and confirmed.

Boston, April 15th, 1856.

THOS. TOLMAN, }
ROBERT KEITH, } *Committee.*

W. Brother Ober presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, Boston, June 11th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, the subject of accepting an instrument used at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Public Library of the city of Boston, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and that they find it was the intention of the Commissioners and city Government to have the ceremonies performed after the ancient manner of Freemasonry ; but, that owing to circumstances not within their control, these rites were not performed. Nevertheless, the most Worshipful Winslow Lewis, the excellent and learned Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, being present in a private capacity, witnessed the ceremonies of the 17th of last September, and then received from the hands of the individual who officiated on the occasion, the instrument by which the stone was levelled and squared. It is, therefore, the opinion of the Committee that, as a mark of respect to the honorable board of Commissioners and on account of their good intentions, the instrument should be received and placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge for future preservation, and as an evidence of their well wishes in the success of the Free Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. OBER, *for the Committee.*

The Committee on the petition for the restoration of the Charter of Social Harmony Lodge, Wareham, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of eight Brothers from the towns of Wareham and Middleboro', for the restoration of Charter of Social Harmony Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That they have examined the papers presented, and finding them correct, recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

CALEB RAND.

ROBT. L. ROBBINS.

A communication from a body styling itself the " Grand Lodge of Canada," and also a communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, were presented

and referred to Bros. Geo. G. Smith, Paige, Heard, Robinson, Sheppard and Coolidge.

W. Bro. Martin from the Committee on the complaint against Bro. Jeremiah Stone, presented the following Report, which, together with the recommendation of the Committee, was adopted :—

The Committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of King Hiram Lodge, Provincetown, in reference to Brother Jeremiah Stone, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to

REPORT:

The complaint preferred against Bro. Stone, was for a violation of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

The proceedings of said Lodge, in the trial of Jeremiah Stone, were substantially correct. The complaint was fully sustained by incontrovertible evidence, the truth of which was admitted by the accused, that he was present in Mt. Tabor Lodge, East Boston, and did recommend, aid, and assist in conferring the first three Degrees in Freemasonry on Loring Young, who had been rejected in King Hiram Lodge, Provincetown, of which act Jeremiah Stone had personal knowledge.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge on this subject, is as follows :

Part 4th, Art. 3rd, Section 2nd. And if any Mason knowingly assist, or recommend for Initiation, to any Lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, who may not have obtained a recommendation as before provided, such Mason shall be expelled from the Institution.

Therefore, in accordance with said Constitution, your Committee recommend that Jeremiah Stone be expelled from the Institution.

WM. C. MARTIN, }
WM. PARKMAN, } Committee.
S. P. OLIVER, }

W. Brother Boardman, of Grecian Lodge, offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to a Committee, consisting of Bros. Reed, Whytall, and R. L. Robbins, viz :—

“Resolved, That exclusive jurisdiction over the whole territory embraced within the limits of the city of Lawrence, be granted to Grecian Lodge.”

The M. W. Grand Master notified the Grand Lodge, that since the last Quarterly Communication, he had been under the painful necessity of suspending the Master of Germania Lodge, on charges preferred against him by the members of said Lodge. He also stated that counter charges had likewise been preferred by the W. Master, against the members of said Lodge, and requested that the papers might be referred to a Committee for investigation. They were accordingly referred to Brothers Bradford, R. Keith, Train, Knapp, and Benj. Stevens.

An invitation was received from Hampden Lodge, at Springfield, to attend the celebration of the 24th June, at that place, which was accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that the plate from which the Diplomas are printed, is much worn, and needs to be re-engraved, or a new plate procured. The subject, on motion, was referred to the first four officers of the Grand Lodge with full powers.

R. W. Brother Dame presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, June 11th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of Mount Tom Lodge, at Holyoke, against Hampden Lodge, at Springfield, for violation of the 5th Section of the 3rd Article of the 4th part of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, have met the parties, and heard their several allegations and proofs, and respectfully

REPORT:

That from the evidence submitted to them, they are satisfied that the residence of Brother James K. Mills, when he was admitted a Candidate by Hampden Lodge, was in the Town of Holyoke, and that his residence continued there until the month of March last, when he went to the Southern Section of the United States, for the benefit of his health. Your Committee are also satisfied that Hampden Lodge, at the time of their admitting Brother Mills a Candidate for the degrees, had no knowledge that he had changed his residence from Springfield to Holyoke, and therefore are entirely innocent of any intentional violation of the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge. The

application to Hampden Lodge, was in the hand writing of the applicant, and he there stated his residence to be in Springfield, and it was in evidence before your Committee, that he resided in Springfield during the year A. D. 1853, and a portion of A. D. 1854.

Inasmuch as Bro. Mills, when admitted a Candidate by Hampden Lodge, had his residence in Holyoke, and Mount Tom Lodge should have received his application and was legally entitled to any pecuniary benefit resulting from his admission to, and receiving the degrees, your Committee recommend that Hampden Lodge be required to pay to Mount Tom Lodge, the sum received by Hampden Lodge for the degree referred on Bro. Mills, in that Lodge, deducting, however, therefrom, any sum paid, or to be paid this Grand Lodge for fees in said case.

Respectfully submitted by

A. A. DAME,
W. C. MARTIN,
SOLON THORTON, } Committee.

R. W. Bro. Paige announced in appropriate terms, the death of the R. W. and Hon. S. P. P. Fay, a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and offered the following Resolution and Order, which were adopted :—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Grand Lodge, June 11th, 1856.

Whereas, on the eighteenth day of May last, it pleased God to remove from this life our Brother and Past Grand Master, Samuel P. Fay, Esq.

Resolved, That for his Masonic labors, in former years, and for his faithful care of the widows and orphans during the last thirtyfive years, as Judge of Probate for Middlesex County, our deceased Bro. is entitled to the grateful remembrance of good men and Masons.

Ordered, That the portrait of our deceased Brother be draped in mourning for the space of three months.

The papers in the case of the expulsion of Henry Wait, by Republican Lodge, Greenfield, were presented and referred to Brothers C. Robbins, Rand and Thaxter.

R. W. Brother H. G. Clark in behalf of the Committee on procuring a new Organ in place of the present one, presented a Report, which was read and laid on the table

until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

W. Brother Read offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, June 11th, 1856.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Massachusetts, approve of the measures taken by the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth, to perpetuate the memory of our Forefathers, by erecting a Monument in Plymouth, and will aid by its influence in promoting this praiseworthy and glorious object.

The report of the Committee on the Constitutions was then taken up, and the following Amendments were adopted, two-thirds of the members present—the whole number being 105—voting in the affirmative.

A M E N D M E N T S :

P A R T I

Art. 3, Sec. 1, was amended in the 4th line by adding the words, "at 2 o'clock, P. M.," after the word "*September*."

Art. 8, Sec. 7, was amended by striking out the words, "*and all Charters and Dispensations for constituting new Lodges. He shall receipt on each Charter, or Dispensation, for the sums that are received therefor.*"

Art. 8, Sec. 8, was amended by inserting the following words as a substitute for the first six lines of the Section, as it stands in the printed Constitutions :—

"Sec. 8. The Recording Grand Secretary shall give seasonable notice, in a public paper, of each regular communication of the Grand Lodge ; and shall notify, by letter, all officers and permanent members of the Grand Lodge, together with the Master and Wardens of the subordinate Lodges through their respective Secretaries. Special meetings," &c.

Art. 8, Sec. 9. *Corresponding Grand Secretary*,—was amended by adding thereto, at the close of the present Section, the following words—"It shall also be his duty from time to time to lay before the Grand Lodge, such matters of Masonic interest as may come to his knowledge."

Art. 8, Sec. 10. *Dis. Dep. G. Masters*,—was amended by substituting the following for the first *seven* lines of the Section, as it stands in the printed Constitutions :—

“ They shall annually transmit their returns and all monies in their hands to the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of December ; and if they shall fail to comply with this regulation, unless prevented by sickness, or by some other cause beyond their control, they shall not be eligible to re-appointment. They shall be reimbursed their *necessary* expenses in visiting the Lodges,” &c.

Art. 8, Sec. 17. *Grand Lecturers*.—This Section was amended by adding the following words thereto :—

“ It shall also be their duty to visit and instruct any Lodge under this jurisdiction, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, whenever it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that said Lodge is unable to bear the expense ; and they shall report to the Grand Master in writing whenever and as often as they shall discover any deviations either in the Work or Lectures, from the system adopted by the Grand Lodge.”

Art. 8. This article was further amended by adding the following, as a new Section :—

“ Sec. 18. The M. W. Grand Master shall annually appoint a Library Committee, who shall have sole charge of the Library.”

PART II.

Art. 1, Sec. 3, was amended by substituting “*and*” for “*but*,” in the third line.

Sec. 6. The Amendment proposed by the Committee, to the 6th Sec. of the article was rejected. But this vote was subsequently reconsidered,—the Section amended by inserting after the words, “*and report the same*,” the words “*with a statement of the financial condition of the Charity Fund*.”—The Section, with the proposed Amendment, was then adopted.

PART III.

Art. 1, Sec. 1. The Amendment to this Section as proposed by the Committee, was laid on the table.

Art. 4, Sec. 4, was amended by inserting the word “*highest*” before the word *penalty*, in the *third* line.

Art. 8, Sec. 1, was amended by substituting “*and*” for *or*, in the 4th line thereof.

Art. 8, Sec. 3, was amended so as to read as follows :—

Sec. 3. Each Lodge of Instruction shall keep a record of its proceedings, and of the names of all visiting Brethren present at each meeting, and of Brethren appointed to hold office ; and such record shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, or by the Lodge granting its sanction.

Art. 8. This article was further amended by adding the following, as a new Section :—

Sec. 4. Any Brother being a member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, may become a member of any Lodge of Instruction in this Commonwealth, by complying with the regulations thereof.

PART IV.

Art. 1, Sec. 6. This Section was amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 6. The majority of the members of any Lodge, when duly assembled, shall have the right to instruct their Master and Wardens as their representatives in Grand Lodge.

Sec. 7—same article—was amended by inserting the word “leave” before the words “that Lodge,” in the sixth line.

Art. 3, Sec. 1, was amended so as to read as follows :—

Sec. 1. All applications for initiation shall be made in writing, over the signature of the applicant, and in the following form :—

FORM OF PETITION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of
_____ Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons.*

The subscriber respectfully represents, that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient Institution, he is desirous, if found worthy, to be admitted a member thereof.

My place of residence is _____ age _____ occupation
I have _____ before applied for initiation.

Signed, _____

_____, 185 _____

RECOMMENDATION.

I, _____ member of _____ Lodge
aforesaid, hereby recommend said _____ for initiation.

Signed, _____

_____, 185 _____

Sec. 2—same article—was amended by adding at the close of the Section, the words—“*or subjected to such other penalty as the Grand Lodge may see cause to impose.*”

Sec. 4—same article—was amended by inserting after the word “*inability,*” in the 11th line, the words, “*to meet the requirements of the ritual, and*”.

Art. 3, Sec. 5, was amended so as to read as follows:—

Sec. 5. All applications for initiation shall be made to the Lodge in the town where the petitioner resides, if there be a Lodge in such town; but if there be none, then shall he apply to the Lodge nearest his residence. And no person residing in a town where there is a Lodge, shall be initiated in any other town, without the written consent and approbation of the Master and Wardens of that Lodge. Nor shall any candidate be received from any other State, (he being a resident thereof,) where a regular Lodge is established, without the written permission of the Grand Master of such State.

Art. 3, Sec. 7, was amended by adding at the close of the Section, the words—“*and it shall be the duty of the Lodge to investigate such objections before proceeding further with the candidate.*”

PART V.

Sec. 20—*Miscellaneous Regulations*—was amended so as to read as follows:—

Any vote passed in the Grand Lodge, or by any subordinate Lodge may be reconsidered at the same meeting; or at the next subsequent meeting, provided notice of the intention to move for such a reconsideration shall be given at the meeting at which the vote was originally passed.

PART VI.

Art. 1, Sec. 6, was amended by striking out the words, “*or the mover in reply,*” in the 2d and 3d lines.

Sec. 7—same article—was amended by striking out the words, “*unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order,*” and inserting instead thereof, the words, “*except on a point of order.*”

The supplementary Amendments proposed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, by R. W. Brother S. W. Robinson, were severally rejected.

The Amendment proposed by the Committee on a uniform Regalia for the Lodges, was also rejected.

W. Brother Gardner, of Lowell, submitted a proposition to amend Art. 6, Sec. 1, by striking out the words, "*eight o'clock*," and inserting, instead thereof, "*three o'clock*"—which proposition was referred to Bros. Heard, Train and Read.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form at 12 o'clock.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, SEPT. 10, A. L. 5856.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday Evening, Sept. 10, A. L. 5856, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
 R. W. Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M.
 " John B. Hammatt, S. G. W. p. t.
 " Marshall Lincoln, J. G. W. p. t.
 " Wm. B. Fowle, G. Treasurer, p. t.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. William R. Alger, G. Chaplain.
 " William D. Coolidge, G. Marshal.
 " Louis A. Surrlette, S. G. D. p. t.
 " S. Thornton, J. G. D. p. t.
 " Benjamin Stevens, } G. Stewards.
 " G. W. Warren, }
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Isaac P. Seavey, | District No. 2. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, | " No. 4. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on the Diploma had further time granted them.

A petition for the restoration of the Charter of Orphan's Hope Lodge, Weymouth, was presented and referred to Bros. Rand, Greenwood and Seavey. This Committee subsequently presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

R E P O R T .

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of nine Master Masons from the town of Weymouth, for the restoration of the Charter of "Orphan's Hope Lodge," have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully Report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB RAND.

JONA. GREENWOOD.

I. P. SEAVEY.

Boston, Sept. 10th, 1856.

A petition for the restoration of the Charter and removal of Thomas Lodge from Monson to Palmer, was presented and referred to Bros. Fowle, Surette and Eaton ; which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

R E P O R T .

Boston, Sept. 10th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Thomas Lodge, of Monson, for the restoration of their Charter and the removal of that Lodge to Palmer, have carefully attended to the duty assigned them, and would respectfully Report, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

For the Committee.

WM. B. FOWLE, JR., *Chairman.*

The M. W. Grand Master presented the following resolutions by the Grand Lodge of California, which were read, accepted and ordered to be entered on the record :—

G R A N D L O D G E O F C A L I F O R N I A .

In Grand Lodge, on the 12th day of May, A. L. 5856, it was

"Resolved, That on further and careful examination of all the acts of Pacific Lodge, lately under Dispensation from this Grand Lodge, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the action had at the Annual Communication of 1854, relative to that Lodge, was based upon a

want of knowledge of the entire facts of the case; and that said Lodge should be, and is exonerated from any intentional discourtesy or want of respect to this Grand Lodge, from whom its first Dispensation emanated.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not require said Lodge to forward its jewels furniture, etc., and hereby releases it from all claims.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and to the Secretary of the late Pacific Lodge, U. D."

A true copy from the Record—in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, this Fifteenth day of June, A. L. 5856.

ALEXANDER G. ABELL, *G. Secretary.*

W. Brother Knapp presented a communication from Germania Lodge, which was read and referred to the Committee on the case of Brother Block, late Master of that Lodge.

R. W. Br. Wells in behalf of the Committee on Charity, presented a Report, which was read and accepted.

The Committee on the proceedings of Republican Lodge, in the case of Henry Wait for unmasonic conduct, presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

Masonic Temple, Sept. 10th, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred the doings of Republican Lodge, of Greenfield, in expelling one of their Brethren from the rights of Masonry have attended to their duty, and respectfully

R E P O R T :

That after a careful examination of the doings of Republican Lodge, as certified by its Secretary to this Grand Lodge, they find those doings to be informal and not in accordance with the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge.

They therefore recommend that their action therein be referred back to Republican Lodge for Amendment, and that the Grand Sec'y be requested to indicate to the said Lodge wherein their doings were informal.

D. M. B. THAXTER, } *Committee.*
CALEB RAND, }

W. Brother Read, in behalf of the Committee on the subject of the jurisdiction of Grecian Lodge, offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the matters of grievance between St. Matthew's Lodge, of Andover, and Grecian Lodge, of Lawrence, together with the resolution offered by Bro. Boardman, at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, have attended to their duty, and beg leave respectfully to make the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee notified both Lodges of their appointment, and that they would hold a session for the purpose of hearing all matters relating to the subject at issue, on Thursday, Aug. 14th, at the office of the Grand Secretary, in School street.

They also notified D. D. G. M. W. Bro. Lawson, of Lowell, within which Jurisdiction both these Lodges are situated, who was present, and by his counsel and advice rendered much valuable aid. St. Matthew's Lodge was represented by Bros. Abbott and Gage. Grecian Lodge did not appear, and Bro. Boardman, a member of Grecian Lodge, appeared in behalf of the resolution offered by him, "That the exclusive jurisdiction over the whole territory embraced within the limits of Lawrence, be granted to Grecian Lodge." In order that the Grand Lodge may have a better understanding of the position of the case at present, and of the grounds upon which the Committee made their report, the following brief history of the facts may not be inappropriate :—

In 5823, St. Matthew's Lodge was chartered to work in Andover. Two years later, 5825, Grecian Lodge was chartered to work in Methuen ; the two towns lying opposite on the shores of the Merrimac river. From the time of its organization, to the present, St. Matthew's has worked, while Grecian, during the troubles arising from the anti-masonic excitement, surrendered her Charter, and did not recall it until 5847, when they appeared in Grand Lodge as petitioners to that effect through the representatives of St. Matthew's, and obtained their request with permission to change their location to the new town of Lawrence, which had then been recently incorporated by an act of the State Legislature, by taking portions of Methuen and Andover, lying on the north and south banks of the Merrimac. It also appeared in evidence that the assistance of St. Matthew's Lodge, in obtaining this request of the petitioners, was granted on the understanding, that each Lodge, as in former times, should exercise its right of jurisdiction

over the territory set forth in their respective Charters. That is to say that Grecian Lodge would waive its right over that portion of Lawrence, lying south of the river, and which formerly belonged to Andover, and that it should still be under the control in all Masonic matters, of St. Matthew's Lodge of Andover, although by the act of the Legislature incorporating the town of Lawrence, this had passed to the Lodge situated in that town. The Grand Lodge in these matters recognizing no other rule, than the action, from time to time, of the Legislature of the State, in altering, extending, or otherwise changing, existing town limits. As the portion of Lawrence on the south side of the river became more and more inhabited, candidates began to make their appearance, who, from various circumstances, such as the less distance to Lawrence, the greater number of friends and acquaintances belonging to Grecian Lodge, and the general influence which the social and business relations of neighborhoods, always exert, showed decided preference for that Lodge and were initiated there. Affairs had thus been going on with the effect to produce some slight disturbance of the harmony which should always be maintained, when a case occurred, in which, from all the evidence in possession of your Committee, there was not on the part of Grecian Lodge that compliance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge and usages of the Order, which it should be the aim of every Lodge unfailingly to observe, and in default of which a candidate who had been balloted for, and rejected by that Lodge was afterwards initiated in St. Matthew's. This placed these two Lodges in antagonistic positions, and as a finality for all matters connected with, and growing out of, this change of location of Grecian Lodge, the resolution already quoted in this Report, was offered by Bro. Boardman.

In view of all these facts the Committee are of opinion that the passage of the resolution can be of no benefit, because by the existing laws of the Grand Lodge, Lodges already enjoy sole and exclusive control over the whole extent of the town within the limits of which they are situated, and it would be only re-affirming what already has become a law. And, moreover, any remedy of the existing state of feeling must come rather in the form of a compromise than an order; a remedy, which, from the strong desire of all parties present, and from what the Committee could learn of the state of feeling in both Lodges to settle the affair, as speedily as possible, that the friendly feeling and brotherly love which characterized their intercourse in time past, might once more prevail, deemed the easiest and most

proper under all the circumstances. They, therefore, with this end in view, offer for the ratification of the Grand Lodge, the following

PROPOSITION:

Any person residing on the South side of Merrimac River, on the territory formerly belonging to the town of Andover, but now forming a part of the city of Lawrence, who shall be desirous of obtaining the degrees in Freemasonry, shall have the right to apply to St. Matthew's Lodge, in Andover, or Grecian Lodge, in Lawrence, at his option, and the Lodge to which he makes application shall immediately notify the other of said application.

WILLIAM READ.
ROBERT L. ROBBINS.
THOS. G. WHYTAL.

The Committee on changing the hour for the election of officers, as fixed by the Constitutions, presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

-To the M. W. Grand Master:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communication, held on the eleventh of June last, to whom was referred the proposition of Brether Gardner, of Ancient York Lodge, of Lowell, for an Amendment of Part 1st, Art. 6, Section 1st, of the Constitutions, so as to substitute the word "three" for the word "eight," thereby changing the hour for the choice of officers from eight o'clock to three o'clock, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

It is understood by the Committee that the proposed Amendment is intended to afford to members of the Grand Lodge residing in the country, an opportunity to vote in the election of officers, and afterwards return to their homes by the evening Railroad trains, which, under the existing regulations, cannot be done; such members being compelled either to absent themselves at the time of election or remain in the city over night, at considerable personal inconvenience and expense. The force of these reasons as applicable to a portion of the members from the interior, is acknowledged by the Committee, and they would not hesitate to recommend the adoption of the Amendment proposed, were the representatives of all the country Lodges, to be alike affected by it. But it is well known that many of the Lodges in the jurisdiction are not only too remote from the seat of the Grand Lodge for their representatives to be benefited by the proposed change,

but that on the contrary they will be incommoded by it, as they will be under the necessity of remaining two nights in Boston instead of one, as at present. Such Lodges, are in towns upon and beyond Connecticut River, and in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth Districts, and Nantucket and Provincetown. But should it be practicable for members thus located, to perform their journey on the day of the session of the Grand Lodge, and have time to meet with that body at the hour proposed for the election, they would be, through fatigue of body and mind, little capacitated to follow up at once the proceedings of a canvass and election.

In view of the facts and considerations here presented, your Committee recommend that the Amendment proposed be not adopted.

Boston, Sept. 6th, 1856. JOHN T. HEARD, } Committee.
WILLIAM READ, }

R. W. Brother Geo. G. Smith, for the Committee on the communication from the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Canada, presented the following Report, which was unanimously adopted :—

G. Lodge of Mass., Sept. 10th, 1856.

It is doubtless known to the Fraternity generally, that there has been for some time more or less dissatisfaction among our Brethren in Canada, arising out of their peculiar connexion with the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland. These difficulties would perhaps seem at first sight entirely uninteresting to the Fraternity in the United States ; but the slightest reflection manifests so clearly the peculiarly sympathetic character and essence of our Order, that a blow struck at one extremity of the Masonic world, or a difficulty existing anywhere within its limits, is seen to be felt everywhere, and, like a stroke of electricity, vibrates almost at once along the various lines of communication, even to the utmost bounds of our Masonic horizon.

Any irregularity, therefore, either in the government, principles or practices of the Craft ; anything in fact which even *seems* to conflict with our "Ancient Landmarks," affects not alone the place of its origin but the whole Fraternity, the world over. Whatever takes place then among our Canadian Brethren is of course interesting to us in proportion to its vicinity ; since any irregularity permitted either on their side of the line or ours, is sure sooner or later to cross the boundary ; and we shall find in common with them, that it is much easier to prevent such evil than to cure it.

That portion of the Fraternity in Canada under the Grand Lodge of England, is governed by three Provincial Grand Lodges, viz. 1. Montreal and William Henry; 2. Quebec and Three Rivers, and 3. that of the Upper Province. The Provincial Grand Masters are appointed by the Grand Master of England, and retain the English practice of appointing their Deputies, Grand Wardens, and other Officers to a certain extent.

The dues paid by each Lodge to the Mother Grand Lodge are for each Charter or Warrant of Constitution \$25, for each Diploma \$1.50, also a small fee for registering; and these, so far as we know, are all which the G. Lodge of England receives from the Canadian Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has only two or three Lodges under her jurisdiction in the Upper Province. She has however a number in the Lower Province, and it appears from the Reports of her Provincial Grand Master there, that all these stand firm in their allegiance.

The amount of fees, or dues, paid to this Grand Lodge, we have no means of ascertaining.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland has about fifteen Lodges, whose fees are \$2.50 annually for each Lodge chartered previous to 1846, and \$5.00 annually for each Lodge chartered since; \$1.50 for each candidate; registering fee sixty cents, and Diploma fifty cents. We allude to these matters of organization and expense merely from their having been brought forward as among the principal causes of dissatisfaction: and their amount becomes therefore a matter of consequence to the argument.

How the Provincial Grand Lodges are supported, or whence the funds are drawn for their support, or what the aggregate expense for this purpose may be, your Committee cannot say.

There has long been a growing dissatisfaction at this state of things, and much discussion has grown out of the constantly deepening conviction that some effort must be made to introduce a better; until at length, almost the entire Craft being convinced that an independent organization was essential to the effective and proper working of the Order, efforts were made from time to time to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of England to these causes of dissatisfaction, in the hope that in some way a remedy might be applied. It is not necessary to detail the history of the various attempts, which were attended with no success until the appointment of Bro. R. H. Townend, as Special Agent to the G. Lodge of England, made at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, held at the Clifton House, Niagara, July 19, 1855. And it is perhaps well to remark, as an evidence of

the spirit then prevailing, that a motion was offered which would, if carried, have led to immediate and open rebellion on the part of the Canadian Craft towards the Mother Grand Lodge ; this motion, however, the presiding officer very properly refused to put.

Bro. Townend's mission was so far successful that he had got the matter regularly before the Grand Lodge of England ; and there seems every reason to believe that all would have been satisfactorily adjusted but for the precipitate action of a portion of our Canadian Brethren, who were unwilling to " wait patiently," as recommended by Bro. Townend. They accordingly called a Convention at Hamilton, Upper Canada, on the 10th of October last, which resulted in the formation of a new body, declaring itself independent of all former authority. The mission of Brother Townend continued, with still more favorable prospects ; but the secession of the 10th of October rendered that which had been done, useless. And, moreover, it appears from a passage in the communication (to be hereafter alluded to) from the new body, that no concession from the Mother Grand Lodge short of absolute and complete independence would have been satisfactory to the seceding Brethren ; that principle having been predetermined.

Under these circumstances the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West held a meeting on the 23d of October, at which the new body was declared illegal, and all Masonic intercourse with it, was by a unanimous vote strictly forbidden. At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 26th of May, 1856, a resolution was passed instructing their Board of General Purposes to communicate to the various Grand Lodges with whom they were in communication, the true position of that Grand Lodge, " as regards the movement of the self-styled Grand Lodge of Canada." A report on the subject was accordingly made, of which this Grand Lodge has received a copy, and from which the foregoing account of the difficulties in question has been mainly drawn.

They also at the same meeting, approved of a proposition made, or to be made, to the Grand Lodge of England, by Bro. the Rev. Geo. R. Porter, P. S. G. W., for settling the Canadian difficulties, by a concession of almost complete independence. Whether there have been, or are likely to be, any results from this last proposition, your Committee cannot say.

From the body of Brethren above mentioned, who met at Hamilton on the 10th of October last, this Grand Lodge in common with the other Grand Lodges of the Union has received an able communication, going at length into the history of the transactions which your

committee have briefly sketched, detailing their reasons for the step they have taken, and asking our recognition and fraternal sympathy. Their communication states that after the various unsuccessful communications to the Grand Lodge of England, "finding that the interests of the Craft were suffering with increased severity from the causes of which they had complained—feeling deeply the uncourteous neglect the Petitions and Correspondence of the Provincial Grand Lodge had experienced from the officers of the Grand Lodge of England—and believing the Provincial Grand Lodge to be incapable of obtaining the concessions which the position of the Craft rendered indispensable—it was determined to call a meeting of delegates from all Canadian Lodges, to be held at the city of Hamilton on the 10th of October, to consider the expediency of forming a Grand Lodge of Canada."

Accordingly, the representatives, as they say, of fortyone Lodges, holding under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, met as requested, and after fully debating all matters in question, agreed with one exception, upon the formation, and proceeded to elect the officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This Communication is signed by Wm. M. Wilson, as Grand Master, and countersigned by Thomas Bird Harris, as Grand Secretary.

It will at once be seen, Brethren, that here is a case almost new in our Masonic experience, involving principles of the highest importance—appealing strongly to our sympathies as freemen—and requiring that prudence and caution whereby we may avoid being led through those sympathies into a course inconsistent with those well tried principles, which have so long secured peace and tranquility within the borders of this Grand Lodge.

The naked question to be met is briefly as follows, viz. whether it is consistent with the recognized laws or customs of Freemasonry, for any portion of the Lodges under a particular jurisdiction to secede from the Parent Body, without its consent,—and to form of their own authority a new Body, having an independent existence and independent powers.

In discussing this question we must define, if we can, the principles which have always by common consent, governed the relations of the various Grand Lodges of this country with each other, and with Foreign Countries.

And the leading principle is this: That each Grand Lodge in the United States rules and governs without interference from any other, all Lodges within the Civil Jurisdiction of the State in which she is situated,—holding the territories as common ground wherein each

Grand Lodge is free to charter Lodges at pleasure ; until each Territory by being regularly admitted into the Union as a State, acquires the right to form a Grand Lodge for itself. Your Committee are aware that this has sometimes been done before admission as a State : but, although it may be alleged in excuse that Territories are States in process of formation, we still think the practice illegal, and not to be justified in any case ; the only safe rule in our opinion being that above laid down.

The same rule holds good as regards foreign countries ; we do not think of chartering Lodges within their limits, if there is a Grand Lodge there, nor do we permit them to do so within ours. And this is the reason why the recent attempt of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to violate this well understood principle has been met with such vehement disapproval : although the Lodge chartered by her consisted mainly of foreigners and worked in a foreign language.

With regard to the Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, the case is exactly analogous to ours. Neither of these Grand Lodges charters Lodges within the bounds of the others, though all do so in the Colonies—just as we do in the Territories.

As to the Continental Grand Lodges, they are governed in many points on principles differing from ours, and which we can scarcely understand. There are for instance, in France, the Grand Lodge of France, and the Supreme Council ; both insisting upon equal authority, and not at all, certainly, to the furtherance of harmony. There are three Grand Lodges in Berlin ; and perhaps, other, to us, anomalous arrangements, elsewhere. Now we do not say that these things may not be very proper for them, but, that with our principles of Masonic jurisprudence, they would not be proper for us : and that no precedent arising from their peculiar organizations would be safe for us to follow.

We are now called upon to recognize, as a Grand Lodge, a body formed on different principles from our own, which has for certain reasons, good or bad, set up a pretension which amounts to this, viz. that whenever any portion of the Craft under any jurisdiction finds it inconvenient to remain there ;—or whenever it imagines itself aggrieved or slighted by the Parent Body, it is right and proper to resort to revolution—to close the doors upon all explanation or concession, and, strictly by its own authority to constitute and maintain a new and independent Jurisdiction, totally disconnected from all former duties or associations.

Such has been the course of the Brethren seeking to be acknow-

ledged as the Grand Lodge of Canada: and in justification of this course they allege substantially the following reasons, viz:—

1st. The want of harmony in action and in working resulting from Lodges hailing from different countries, perpetuating local and national feelings, prejudices, and conflicting interests, &c.

2d. That Lodges in the Provinces are required to contribute to the funds of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain in addition to supporting three Provincial Grand Lodges. The far greater number of applicants for charity being Brethren emigrating from Great Britain, while few or none requiring aid, go from the Provinces to the Mother Country.

3d. The Grand Lodges of Great Britain thus doubly tax the Fraternity in Canada by transferring to their shores numberless claimants for Masonic aid, at the same time they are receiving from them a portion of the means of affording it.

4th. The inconvenience arising from the lengthened periods that must ensue in consequence of the distance between them and Great Britain, before they can receive replies to their communications, sanction to their proceedings, warrants, certificates of membership, &c., sometimes to the great detriment of the Craft, and of individual Brethren; and lastly,

5th. The appointment of their Prov. Grand Masters by the Grand Master of England, who at a distance of near 4000 miles may reasonably be expected to be practically ignorant of their peculiar wants:—and inasmuch as the Provincial Grand Officers are appointed by the Provincial Grand Masters, their propriety necessarily depends upon the Grand Master, who is selected entirely without reference to the opinions of the Brethren in the Provinces. And “the Provincial Grand Lodges thus constituted are placed in the equivocal position of being irresponsible to, and independent of, the Craft in Canada,” &c.

Our Brethren, after stating that their Grand Lodge has been regularly constituted, &c., go on to ground an argument for its necessity from the number of Lodges engaged in forming it, which they say was fortyone, hailing from three different jurisdictions, “while from the time when the four Lodges of London renounced their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of York and formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, to the present day, the greatest number of Lodges on record as associating to form a new Grand Lodge, is seventeen.”

It seems to your Committee after examining these several reasons to the best of our ability, that they make out simply cases of inconvenience, and nothing more: want of harmony in working or action is an inconvenience; a multiplicity of Jurisdictions is an inconven-

ience. It would be better doubtless for the interests of the Craft in the Provinces were their Masonic contributions expended where they are raised : although it would seem from what has been above said, that the amount drawn from the Provinces by the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland would not, if left there, add very materially to their means of charity. And, since the dues thus paid by them are certainly much below those usually paid in this country, we cannot see any well grounded cause for dissatisfaction upon this point ; much less for revolution. It is an inconvenience also that so many Brethren come from Europe requiring assistance; but how the Grand Lodges of Great Britain or Ireland can be blamed for this—what control they have over it—or how they can be charged with “thus doubly taxing the Craft in Canada,” your Committee cannot perceive.

The inconvenience arising from distance was doubtless in former times very great ; but now, when modern improvements have almost annihilated distance—difficulties from this source are certainly not insuperable.

It is an inconvenience certainly—at least we should so consider it, to be governed by a body 4000 miles away ; or that they should appoint our principal officers. But as these things are just as they always were among our Canadian Brethren, and, moreover, as a large portion of them would probably insist that the English principle of appointment gives on the whole, better officers to the Fraternity than ours of election—your Committee can see no cause for extreme measures here. And as the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of Lodges must form a sufficiently effective working majority in the Provincial Grand Lodges—embodying as they certainly must the aggregate will of the Fraternity—we cannot see how these Grand Lodges can properly be said to be “irresponsible to, and independent of the Craft in Canada.”

Our Brethren state in their communication, that fortyone Lodges concurred in the formation of their Grand Lodge ; but this does not seem exactly borne out by subsequent information.

It is now said that the actual number of seceding Lodges is twenty-six, viz : eight from Canada West—three from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry, and fifteen from the Grand Lodge of Ireland ; leaving fortyfive in the Upper Province, who still remain firm in their allegiance to the Parent Grand Lodge.

The last remark in the communication which it will be necessary for your Committee to notice, is an allusion to the time when, as it says, “the four Lodges of London renounced their allegiance to the Grand

In Grand Lodge, Boston, Sept. 10th, 1856.

Whereas a Communication has been received by this Grand Lodge from a number of Brethren in Canada, legally under the Jurisdiction, (for the most part) of the Grand Lodge of England, styling themselves the Grand Lodge of Canada, and asking our recognition as such—therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts feels itself compelled to refuse the recognition asked for, and to protest against the continuance of any such Body, it being in our view, an act of rebellion against a sister Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Lodges and individual Brethren under this Jurisdiction are hereby strictly forbidden to hold any Masonic Communication with said illegal Body, or with any Lodge or any individual having any connexion therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. G. SMITH.
SIMON W. ROBINSON.
LUCIUS R. PAIGE.
JOHN T. HEARD.
JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
W. D. COOLIDGE.

On motion of R. W. Brother Smith, it was

Voted, That the Committee having in charge the complaint of Germania Lodge against its W. Master, Bro. Block, be authorized and empowered under the advice and with the approval of the Grand Master to adjust the same in such manner as they may deem to be proper, and just to all parties concerned.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Report on the Canada difficulties be printed and distributed as follows, viz:—One copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States and Canada—one copy to each of the Grand Lodges of Great Britain—one to each Lodge in this Commonwealth, and one to each of the officers and Permanent Members of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at four o'clock.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 10, A. L. 5856.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, December 10th, A. L. 5856, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
 W. R. Edward A. Raymond, D. G. M. p. t.
 " John T. Heard, S. G. W.
 " Charles R. Train, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. G. M. Randall, G. Chaplain, p. t.
 " William D. Coolidge, G. Marshal.
 " W. W. Wheildon, S. G. D. p. t.
 " David Tillson, J. G. D. p. t.
 " Benjamin Stevens, } G. Stewards.
 " G. W. Warren, }
 " John McClellan, G. S. B.
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Henry G. Clark, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " Peter Lawson, | " No. 3. |
| " Jonathan Greenwood, | " No. 4. |
| " Rev. Albert Case, | " No. 5. |
| " Horace Chenery, | " No. 6. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Franklin Weston, | " No. 9. |
| " Charles Mattoon, | " No. 10. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The Trustees of the Masonic Temple, presented their Annual Report, which was accepted.

The Secretary of the Board announced that the Trustees had made choice of the M. W. Winslow Lewis, to

fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of the R. W. John J. Loring. Whereupon, on motion, the election of the Board was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, presented a statement of their doings for the past year, and asked for further time to make a more detailed account of the fiscal concerns of the Board. The statement was accepted and further time granted.

The Rec. G. Secretary to whom was referred the proceedings of Republican Lodge, at Greenfield, had in the trial of Bro. Henry Wait, reported that he had made the necessary inquiries, and ascertained that the proceedings had been properly conducted, and moved that the action of the Lodge in the premises be confirmed, and that the said Henry Wait be expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry. The motion was adopted, and said Wait was accordingly expelled.

The following Reports from Committees on Charters and Dispensations, were adopted :—

The Committee appointed to examine the By-Laws of the Blackstone River Lodge, and also the records of the Lodge while under Dispensation,

R E P O R T,

That they have carefully examined the same, and find them to be correct, and in accordance with Masonic usage, and they therefore recommend that the Charter be granted to the Lodge.

G. W. WARREN.

JOHN FLINT.

Boston, A. L. 5856, Dec. 10th.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mount Horeb Lodge for a Charter, respectfully

R E P O R T:

That they attended to the duty assigned them, and find the Records of said Lodge to have been kept in a very neat and correct manner—their By-Laws are in accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge,—and their financial relations have been properly adjusted.

They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Boston, Dec. 10th, 1856.

CALEB RAND.

WM. E. PARMENTER.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

The Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws and Records of Winslow Lewis Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That they have examined the By-Laws and Records of said Winslow Lewis Lodge, and find them in due form and correct—and therefore Report that a Charter be granted said Lodge.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.

D. VID TILLSON.

GEORGE TALBOT.

The Committee on the Petition of Mount Moriah Lodge, U. D., at Westfield, reported that a Charter issue to the petitioners, which was adopted.

A vote, adopted by Olive Branch Lodge, Oct. 6th, 1856, was presented and referred to a Committee, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge :

The Committee to whom was referred the Vote of Olive Branch Lodge, at West Sutton, "agreeing to hold their regular meetings half of the time at Sutton, and half at Webster, with the consent of the Grand Lodge,"

R E P O R T ,

That though the subject does not come before the Grand Lodge as it should—in the form of a petition from the several parties thereto, yet under the circumstances represented to the Committee by the Dept. of that Masonic District, your Committee see no serious objection to the arrangement—and recommend the Grand Lodge to pass the following vote :—

Voted, That Olive Branch Lodge, at West Sutton, be authorized to hold their regular monthly Communications alternately at West Sutton and Webster, in conformity with the vote of said Lodge.

BRADFORD L. WALES,
WM. KNAPP,
ISAAC H. WRIGHT,

} Committee.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer offered the following vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to refund to the petitioners for a Dispensation for a new Lodge at Webster, by the name of Central Lodge, the sum of ten dollars paid in advance, they having withdrawn the request for said Dispensation.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following Report of his doings in the case of Germania Lodge, as respects its W. Master :—

In Grand Lodge, Dec. 10th, 1856.

The majority of the Committee having in charge the complaint of Germania Lodge, against its Master, W. Bro. Block, and a counter complaint of said Master against said Lodge, having reported to the G. Master that both parties had withdrawn their respective complaints and recommending that the charges be dismissed, he has under the authority given him by vote of the Grand Lodge, at its last communication, complied with the recommendation of said Committee and removed the suspension of said W. Bro. Block.

Whereupon, on motion, it was

Voted, That the action of the Grand Master in the case be approved and confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

[At this stage of the proceedings, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half-past 6 o'clock.]

At half-past 6 o'clock the Grand Lodge resumed its labors.

On motion of the R. W. Rev. Bro. Randall, the Report on the subject of Regalia and Jewels, laid on the table at the June communication, was taken up, discussed and adopted as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Regalia, beg leave to

R E P O R T :

That acting under the instructions of the Grand Lodge, they have ordered Regalia from England, for the officers of the Grand Lodge, similar to that, now in use, in the Grand Lodge of England.

The Committee hope to be able to make their final Report, on this subject, at the next Quarterly Communication.

On the subject of the Regalia of the Subordinate Lodges, they offer the following Amendment to the 7th Art. of the Constitution:—

Sec. 2. The apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lamb skin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep, with sky blue lining and edging, having three rosetts of the same color. No other color shall be allowed, and no other ornament shall be worn, except by officers and Past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblem of their offices in silver on the Apron.

An officer of a subordinate Lodge, should wear a blue sash, a blue velvet collar trimmed with silver lace, and a silver Jewel.

The Jewels of a subordinate Lodge, shall be as follows:—

The Jewels of a Past Master shall be the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extended on a quadrant.

Master—The Square.

Senior Warden—The Level.

Junior Warden—The Plumb.

Treasurer—Cross Keys.

Secretary—Cross Pens.

Chaplain—Bible in a Circle.

Senior and Junior Deacons—The Compasses and Square united.

Marshal—Baton in a Square.

Senior and Junior Stewards—Cornucopia, in a Circle.

Organist—Lyre in a Circle.

Tyler—Cross Swords.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee.

G. M. RANDALL, *Chairman.*

On motion of the same Brother, the following votes were adopted, viz:—

1. *Voted*, That the Committee having in charge the printing of the Constitutions, be authorized to insert therein a full description of the new Regalia of the Grand Lodge, and also of the Regalia proper to be worn by the officers and members of the Subordinate Lodges

2. *Voted*, That the same Committee be also authorized to cause to be prepared one or more Plates, showing the character and design of the Jewels of the Grand Officers, and of those proper for officers of Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Harwood, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance, presented a Report, which was adopted.

R. W. Bro. Harwood, also presented a bill for Diplomas as paid by the Grand Treasurer, and suggested that the Grand Lodge was paying an unnecessary price for such work.

Whereupon, on motion of R. W. Bro. Paige, it was

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to investigate the subject and report what the G. Lodge has been paying for Diplomas for the past ten years, and on what terms they can be procured for the future, with such recommendations as the matter in their judgment may call for.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed on the above Committee, Bros. Warren, Coolidge, Sheppard, Wells and Stevens.

R. W. Bro. Wells, from the Committee on Charity, presented a Report of their dispensations since the last Quarterly Communication, which was adopted.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, a return of the votes was ordered.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master, after returning his thanks to the Brethren for past kindnesses, announced that in consequence of feeble health and professional engagements, he felt himself constrained to decline being a candidate for re-election, and appointed the R. W. Bros. Wells, Lawson and Baxter, a Committee to collect and report the votes for Grand Master.

This Committee having attended to their duty, reported that the whole number of votes for Grand Master were for R. W. John T. Heard, Esq., of Boston.

The Grand Master elect was then introduced into the Grand Lodge by R. W. Brothers Harwood, Randall, Dame, Wells and Hutchinson, a Committee appointed for the purpose, and was warmly congratulated by the Grand Master, to which he made an eloquent and appropriate reply, and signified his acceptance of the office.

The elections then proceeded with the following results :—

- R. W. BRADFORD L. WALES, Senior Grand Warden.
- “ JOHN H. SHEPPARD, Junior Grand Warden.
- “ THOMAS TOLMAN, Grand Treasurer.
- “ CHARLES W. MOORE, Recording Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

R. W. WILLIAM PARKMAN, SAMUEL P. OLIVER, W. H. L. SMITH.

R. W. Bro. Daniel Harwood was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, occasioned by the death of the R. W. Bro. John J. Loring.

It having been suggested that as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist would fall this year on a Saturday, the Brethren from the distant Lodges would be better accommodated if the Installation of the officers could be deferred to another day, it was unanimously

Voted, That the Installation of the Officers and the exemplification of the Work, take place on Tuesday, the 30th instant.

Brothers Wyzeman Marshall, Isaac H. Wright, and I. F. Sheppard, were appointed a Committee to make the arrangements.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Randall.

SATURDAY MORNING Dec. 27, A. L. 1856.

A Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, on Saturday morning, Dec. 27, A. L. 5856.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
- R. W. John T. Heard, S. G. W.
- “ John H. Sheppard, J. G. W. p. t.
- “ Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
- “ Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
- W. William C. Martin, G. Marshal p. t.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 9 o'clock.

There being no business, the Grand Lodge was closed until 9 o'clock in the morning of the 30th instant.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION—Dec. 30, A. L. 5856.

A communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, December 30th, A. L. 5856, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.

“ John T. Heard, S. G. W.

“ William C. Martin, J. G. W., p. t.

“ Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.

“ Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

“ John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.

W. John McCellan, G. Marshal, p. t.

“ Benjamin Brown, S. G. D. p. t.

“ Benj. F. Nourse, J. G. D. p. t.

Together with a large number of representatives of Lodges and visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the M. W. Grand Master announced the business of the day to be the exemplification of the Work and Lectures, and called upon W. Brother W. C. Martin, as the Senior Grand Lecturer, to organize a Lodge of Instruction for that purpose. This was accordingly done, and the work and lectures of the First and Second Degrees were exemplified, in the presence of between *three and four hundred* Brethren.

At half-past twelve o'clock the Grand Lodge took a recess. At 2 o'clock the Grand Lecturers resumed their labors and gave the lecture and ceremonies of the Third Degree ; when the Grand Lodge was closed until half-past 6 o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled, and was opened in ample form, at half-past 6 o'clock.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
 R. W. John T. Heard, S. G. W.
 " Charles R. Train, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " John H. Sheppard, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain, p. t.
 " William D. Coolidge, G. Marshal.
 " Peter C. Jones, S. G. D., p. t.
 " Levi Rawson, J. G. D.
 " Benjamin Stevens, } G. Stewards.
 " G. W. Warren, }
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Isaac P. Seavey, | Distriet No. 2. |
| " Peter Lawson, | " No. 3. |
| " Rev. Albert Case, | " No. 5. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Benjamin Brown, for Nantucket. | |
| " J. P. Johnson, for Provincetown. | |

R. W. John T. Heard presented the following interesting correspondence and statements, which were accepted and ordered to be entered on the Records :—

Most Worshipful Grand Master :—Having learned in July last, from Brother A. A. Wellington, of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, that Miss S. G. Clark, possessed a large arm chair that belonged to Henry Price, the first Grand Master of Masons on this Continent, and desiring to obtain it, I requested him to inquire of her if she would part with it, and also if she knew anything about him or his family, which he kindly consented to do. The following is a copy of her reply to Bro. Wellington :—

Watertown, July 28, 1856.

Dear Friend Alfred,—As regards Mr. Price, I know very little, except that he left two daughters, one of whom married a man by the

name of Wallace, she died soon after the chair was bought, and left two sons, one of whom, William Wallace, is still living in Townsend Centre. The inscription on the tombstone, is as follows :—

"IN MEMORY OF

HENRY PRICE, Esq.

Was born in London about the year of our Lord 1697.

He removed to Boston about the year 1723;

Received a Deputation

Appointing him *Grand Master of Masons in New England*;

and in the year 1733 was appointed a

Cornet in the Governor's Troop of Guards,
with the rank of Major.

By his diligence and industry in business,

He acquired the means of a comfortable living,

With which he removed to Townsend

In the latter part of his life.

He quitted Mortality the 20th of May, A. D. 1780,

Leaving a widow and two young daughters,

With a numerous company of friends and acquaintances

to mourn his departure,

Who have that ground of hope

concerning his present lot which results

from his undissembled regard to his Maker

and extensive benevolence to his Fellow Creatures,

Manifested in life by a behaviour consistent with his character as a

MASON,

And his nature as a Man.

An honest man, the noblest work of God."

Should I learn anything more that would be interesting to you, I will let you know of it.

Yours truly,

S. G. CLARK."

The important information here given in relation to our first Grand Master, of whose personal history, the Brethren knew almost nothing, prompted me to seek for further light from Mr. Wallace. I at once addressed my inquiries to him, who replied as follows :—

Townsend, August 8, 1856.

Dear Sir,—I received your letter of inquiry. There is nothing to be found excepting the inscription on the stone :

[He then gives the inscription which agrees with the copy presented by Miss Clark.]

Dear sir, you must excuse my delay as well as poor writing. This is, word for word, as near as can be. I have his likeness if you

want it, in a shattered state, supposed to have been taken when he was forty years old.

I am, Sir, your humble servant,

WILLIAM WALLACE, *Townsend Centre.*

JOHN T. HEARD, *No. 1, Long Wharf.*

It can be readily imagined that I accepted the offer of the likeness with avidity and thankfulness. So unexpected and valuable a possession I knew would be cherished and highly prized by the fraternity. I immediately accepted the offer, proposing to present the picture to the G. Lodge in his name, and again I inquired of Mr. Wallace, whether he could not state other facts concerning the life of Mr. Price. His letter in answer to mine, is in these words :—

Townsend, August 18, 1856.

Mr. JOHN T. HEARD, *Boston.*

*Dear Sir :—*I received your second letter the day of its date, in the evening, but as my health is poor, you must excuse my delay. From all the circumstances that I can think of, my grandfather must have been a resident here twelve or fifteen years before his death. He removed immediately from Menotomy to this place, as I have been told. He was a representative to the General Court from this place. You would do well to go to the Register's Office, at Cambridge, there you will undoubtedly find out a great deal about his deeds and his Will, which is well worth your reading. I have seen it, but have not got it now ; if I had, I would send it to you. As for paintings of any kind, I don't know of any. As for the portrait I thought you would like to see a little of the form of the man you were writing about. If you should think it proper to present it to the Grand Lodge, you may do it in any way you think advisable. I will send it as soon as possible. I should be glad to furnish you with any information that lays in my power, but the old people are all gone—there is not a person living that knows anything about my ancestor, that is to say, that I know of.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM WALLACE.

A few days after the date of this last letter, the painting was received in a "shattered state," indeed, so much so that I despaired of its restoration. It was placed in the hands of that eminent artist, Bro. George Howarth, by whose skill it was "made as good as new." It then passed into the keeping of the present Grand Master, who received with undisguised exultation so rich an accession to the collection of portraits of Grand Masters and other eminent Masons, which

through his industry and perseverance, now adorns these walls. By his order it has been placed in the West of the Grand Lodge room ; and to his good taste are attributable the appropriate inscription and device which surround the frame.

This portrait was painted according to the statement of Mr. Wallace, about one hundred and twenty years ago, when the distinguished person it represents was in the prime of life and actively engaged in the duties of the highest office of our Order.

I have deemed it important to present at length the correspondence which has been read, that the facts it develops may be recorded with our proceedings, in the hope that thus preserved they may constitute a nucleus around which may be gathered, at no distant day, an extended biographical notice of our first Grand Master.

The R. W. Brother closed by offering the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That our thanks be presented to Mr. Wm. Wallace, for the valuable portrait of his grandfather, Henry Price, the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Grand Sec'y be requested to communicate the foregoing resolutions to Mr. Wallace.

W. Brother Wm. Knapp was recognized as Proxy for Plymouth Lodge, and Br. J. P. C. Cummings, for Aurora Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :—

In peace and prosperity we once more gather together at this our annual close. Another Masonic year is added to our venerable Order ; but its old age shows no decrepitude—no seer or yellow leaves flutter on the old oak ; but a perennial foliage beautifies and increases its majestic trunk,—its branches spread farther and wider with each revolving year. Time but gives it renewed strength and vigor. “ *Vires acquirit eundo.*” The necessity for, and the advantages of, a society like that of Freemasonry, is now universally acknowledged. It has become a “fixed fact” among the various organizations which have for their objects the relief of suffering, the amelioration of humanity and the union of man with his fellow-man. Of such associations it is the first, as it is the most extended in its relations,—knowing no high, no low, no rich, no poor, no language, no country, no sect, as its limitations. The world is its sphere—a universal brotherhood its aim.

Where there is the largest liberty, there its roots are the firmest, its growth the most rapid, its influences the most widely diffused, its operations the most beneficent, its excellence the most appreciated. It is, therefore, in our favored land, increasing to a most unprecedented degree; public favor has smiled on its progress, and bids it God speed in its course. No section is exempt in this increase—no portion but what has shared of this prosperity. In this jurisdiction about 1,000 have been the last year's addition,—an addition of promise to its respectability and to its kindly influences.

In my last Annual Communication, there was no dread record announcing the loss of any of our number during the year. But brief must be the period when we are spared the fatal detail. Sooner or later Death claims the fullness of his dark registry.

Three of our Permanent Members have left us forever, and have passed away to a happier fruition. The Hon. Samuel P. P. Fay, Past G. Master, died on the 18th of May, and a notice of his life and character, with appropriate resolutions, were prepared by the R. W. Lucius R. Paige, and recorded at the communication in June.

This Body has also lost one of its most active, best and endeared of its members, one who for a quarter of a century was always present at every Communication, one, who watched over its interests with the most scrupulous fidelity, guarded its funds with the most zealous care, fulfilled every Masonic duty with conscientiousness and exactitude. In life, he attached to him the hearts of his Brethren; now dead, his memory will still connect us "*vida conjuncti, etiam morte inseparabiles.*"

John J. Loring was Treasurer for 25 years, also a Past Sen. Grand Warden and a member of the Charity Fund Committee. How well he sustained those important relations, our records will amply testify. Let us, ere we part, show, so far as words can express our feelings, the high appreciation we entertained of him while here, and our deep sense of the loss sustained by this Grand Lodge by his death. Very recently, a third has been added to the long list of the departed. The Hon. Seth Sprague, Past Sen. Grand Warden, died in this city the early part of this month,—a gentleman of probity and piety, universally respected and loved, he has been gathered to his fathers in the ripeness of years, in the fullness of honor.

At this, the close of my present official relation, permit me to make but one single suggestion, which has been forced on my attention by the experience of the two years of my administration. It is in relation to the apparently small amount annually appropriated by this

Body to the cause of Masonic charity. The public, knowing nothing of the numerous fountains from whence our charities so copiously flow, of the large disbursements made by the subordinate bodies, of the drafts on the bounty of its individual members, look to the petty amount stated in our annual circular, as the sum total of our benevolence. How far is this from the effective reality! If the records of the Grand Lodge, with those of all the Masonic Institutions, were spread before the public; if the hands which have given in secret, though open as day to melting charity, could point to the varied objects of their bounty; if the poor, the friendless, the stranger, the rich, could shout their gratitude, they would proclaim, "trumpet-tongued," of the good that has come from our Nazareth; that though not gazetted to the world, the stream of Brotherly relief, flows deep, efficiently and full, cheering in its course many hearts. This will consecrate and preserve for time to come, as it has for ages past, our venerable Order.

"The breast which happiness bestows
Reflected-happiness shall bless."

Let us, therefore, in this our day of prosperity, give as freely as we receive, and let our enlarged charity flow in a more abundant and copious stream; and especially let the amount annually voted by this Body be more commensurate both with our means, and I trust with the wishes of all its members.

A regalia becoming the dignity, wealth and respectability of this most ancient Grand Lodge, has been procured from England, and is precisely similar to that worn by that most dignified and most widely extended Body, our venerable parent, the Grand Lodge of England. May we imitate her excellencies in the greater essentials as in these lesser particulars, and prove ourselves worthy scions of a noble stock.

Apartments have been provided in the central part of the city, for the accommodation of the officers of the Grand Lodge; and the great facilities for transacting its business, the large number whose relations to the Institution call them there, and the convenience for the meetings of committees, make it quite apparent that these accommodations were imperiously required. And while on this subject, it has become evident to you all, that this building is quite too limited for the increase of our numbers, that this our largest room is often filled to repletion, that the smaller apartments are not adapted to the purposes for which they are necessarily used, and that at no distant day, our Fraternity will require a more spacious Temple than this. And here, also, let me express in behalf of all the Bodies who here meet, the deep obligations we owe to the Bros. Chickering, for the liberality

they have always manifested in offering their splendid Halls to our service. It is not strange that the sons of such a sire should follow in their father's steps of liberality, but it is pleasing to record that it is so, and that the transmission of such excellence is unimpaired.

During the year, this Body has assisted on two public occasions, at the invitation of the proper authorities, in rendering their services as *Masons*, viz : the laying of the corner-stone of the State Lunatic Asylum at Northampton, and the inauguration of the statue of Franklin at Boston. Both were legitimate occasions for Freemasonry, the first the commencement of a structure for the relief of humanity ; the last, a testimonial to our country's " Guide, Philosopher and Friend ;" and above all, to us, our illustrious, unwavering Brother, and a Grand Master. These were claims for our respect and attention. But I deprecate the appearance of our Order before the world except for such purposes. It never should be done to simply swell the pageantry of a procession, or to add to its numbers.

The *Library* has been increased, and is now of great value, and will vie with any collection of a similar character in the U. States. I would commend it to the fostering care and liberality of my Brethren. It is the Depot of the congregated intelligence of the Masonic World, and the stock which represents this, should be ample and choice.

The *Grand Lecturers* have visited such Lodges as required their services, which have been exceedingly beneficial to the interests of the Order, by infusing an increased interest as to the work and lectures, imparting regularity in these matters much needed and essential to the Craft ; and it is to be hoped, that at every Quarterly Communication of this Body, the day will be devoted to these expositions, and we regret that this proposition should have been ever negatived.

The following are the Dispensations and Charters, Dedications and Consecrations of Lodges during the year, with the date, &c. :—

- Jan.* 4.—Consecrated Germania Lodge, Boston.
- Jan.* 23.—Consecrated Putnam Lodge, East Boston.
- Jan.* 31.—Consecrated Mount Horeb Lodge, Medford.
- Feb.* 4.—Dispensation, Paul Revere Lodge, North Bridgewater.
- Feb.* 8.—Dedicated Hall, at Greenfield.
- Feb.* 12.—Charter returned of St. Alban's Lodge, Foxboro'.
- Feb.* 12.—Dispensation, Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, recommended by Hampden Lodge, Springfield, to R. H. Boise, and nine others.
- March* 4.—Dispensation, Revere Lodge, Boston, recommended by St. John's Lodge, to G. M. Thacher and others.
- March* 12.—Charter to Gate-of-the-Temple, at South Boston, to Richard M. Barker and others.

March 13.—Charter to Dewitt Clinton Lodge, at Sandwich, to Thomas Borden and others.

March 21.—Consecrated said Lodge.

March 24.—Charter of Mountain Lodge returned, with permission to remove from Coleraine to Shelburne Falls.

March 31.—Consecrated Gate-of-the-Temple Lodge, South Boston.

June 12.—Charter of Wisdom Lodge, West Stockbridge, returned to Sylvester Spencer and seven others.

June 12.—Charter Marine Lodge, Falmouth, returned to W. Nye and seven others.

June 12.—Charter returned to Social Harmony Lodge, Wareham, to Benjamin Leonard and seven others.

Aug. 29.—Dispensation for Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, to J. S. Dennis and nine others.

Sept. 10.—Charter of Orphan's Hope Lodge, Weymouth, returned to Lovell Bicknell and eight others.

Sept. 23.—Dispensation to Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston, to Caleb Rand and eighteen others.

Nov. 20.—Dispensation to Star-of-the-South Lodge, Republic of Chili, South America, to P. Conciani and six others.

Dec. 10.—Charter to Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn.

Dec. 10.—Charter to Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield.

Dec. 10.—Charter to Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston.

Dec. 10.—Charter to Blackstone River Lodge, at Blackstone.

Dec. 15.—Consecrated Mount Horeb Lodge and dedicated Hall.

Dec. 26.—Consecrated Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston.

St. John's Day was celebrated at Springfield, by Hampden Lodge, the Grand Lodge being present. This time-honored Masonic Festival, on this occasion, was peculiarly brilliant and effective, and under the auspices of that active Lodge was conducted in a manner the most satisfactory to the numerous Brethren present.

The following is the number of the initiates in the several Districts :—

No. 1, 279 ; 2, 76 ; 3, 114 ; 4, 25 ; 5, 41 ; 6, 67 ; 7, 49 ; 8, 49 ; 9, 67 ; 10, 46 ; Bethesda, Valparaiso, 15 ; Union, Nantucket, 6 ; King Hiram, Provincetown, 8 ; Mount Horeb, Woburn, U. D., 15 ; Winslow Lewis, U. D., 22. Total, 879—which with those of other Lodges under Dispensation, will give a total of about 1,000 for the year.

The reports of the D. D. G. Masters are complete and interesting—evincing a great improvement in the Lodges generally. Particularly would I refer to an elaborate, well written one from our active Br. the Hon. Peter Lawson, which it would be well to have published for the

sentiments and information it contains; and I desire to express my deep sense of the obligations due to the Deputy Grand Masters for the very faithful manner in which they have executed their important functions, which are second to none of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and which, well done, should secure for them a high niche in our Temple of Fame.

My labors as Grand Master have now closed. They have been many but pleasant. If not discharged with ability, the zeal was not wanting, and if it had been possible, it would have been to me most gratifying to have served the constitutional period; but declining health with pressing avocations, sternly forbid the task. The spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak. The period of my administration has been one of peculiar unprecedented activity. If specified, the detail might savour too much of egotism. Our fabric is now stable; our prospects most cheering; peace within our walls; public sentiment without, favoring and fostering us. Let us all then, thus encouraged, thus prosperous, unite in the aspiration,

God save the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts!

At the close of the address, W. Bro. Isaac H. Wright, W. Master of Hiram Lodge, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, during the past Autumn, our beloved Brother JOHN J. LORING, Past Senior Grand Warden of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has passed from among us to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides;—passing from an extended career of usefulness and honor, and an entire manhood devoted to the sincere profession and punctillious performance of Masonic duty, and leaving behind him as a legacy to his Brethren, a memory alike *amiable, distinguished, and exemplary*:—Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge receives with deep sorrow the announcement of the death of our Right Worshipful Brother Loring, and mourns the loss of that companionship, which, for so many years, shed the light of brotherly love and social enjoyment upon our fraternal circle, and by precept and example, through good report and through evil report firmly upheld the reputation of our Institution.

Resolved, That in the various responsible offices which for a period of twentyfive years he filled in this Grand Lodge; in his Masonic relations with his Brethren and in his public walk and conversation with the world, he won the love and confidence, the respect and approba-

tion of all, approved himself a zealous, faithful and valuable member of the Order, and evinced that his susceptible and noble nature found a genial and happy home within the precincts of the Lodge.

Resolved, That it was fitting that the Grand Lodge should honor him by confidence and preferment, who ever honored Masonry by his word and deed; and as his memory is now one of the bright jewels in the casket of our past history, so will we ever cherish his name with love and honor.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be presented to the bereaved family of the departed, in token of our heart-felt sympathy with them in this their time of deep affliction.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the R. W. Bros. Dean, Raymond, Robinson, Paige, and Flint, a Committee to introduce the Grand Master elect for installation.

The Committee having attended to this duty, the R. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., of Boston, was duly installed and saluted as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master having installed in due and ancient form, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer and Rec. Grand Secretary, announced the following

A P P O I N T M E N T S :

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| R. W. Rev. William Flint, of Greenfield, Deputy Grand Master. | |
| " G. Washington Warren, of Charlestown, Cor. G. Sec. | |
| W. Rev. Noah M. Gaylord, of Boston, | } Grand Chaplains. |
| " Samuel Osgood, of Springfield, | |
| " William S. Gardner, of Lowell, Grand Marshal. | |
| " Enoch Hobart, of Boston, Senior Grand Deacon. | |
| " E. D. Brigham, of Boston, Junior Grand Deacon. | |
| " Peter Wainwright, of Boston, | } Grand Stewards. |
| " John Low, of Chelsea, | |
| " Ezra Ripley, of East Cambridge, | |
| " William W. Whieldon, of Concord, | |
| " Peter C. Jones, of Boston, Grand Sword Bearer. | |
| " John Alden, of Randolph, | } Grand Pursuivants. |
| " J. P. Pattee, of West Cambridge, | |
| " William C. Martin, of Boston, | } Grand Lecturers. |
| " Benjamin F. Nourse, of Cambridge, | |
| Bro. Irving I. Harwood, of Boston, Grand Organist. | |
| " Samuel H. Gregory, of Boston, Grand Chorister. | |
| " Eben F. Gay, Grand Tyler. | |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, of Boston, | District No. | 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, Newburyport, | " | 2. |
| " William North, of Lowell, | " | 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, of Farnumsville, | " | 4. |
| " Lucian B. Keith, of North Bridgewater, | " | 5. |
| " Henry Earl, of Worcester, | " | 6. |
| " George H. Taber, of Fairhaven, | " | 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, | " | 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, Springfield, | " | 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, of Holyoke, | " | 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, of Charlestown, | " | 11. |
| " J. P. Johnson, Special Deputy for Provincetown. | | |
| " Benjamin Brown, Special Deputy for Nantucket. | | |
| " Charles T. Ward, Special Deputy for Chili, S. America. | | |

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

Brothers Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

Brothers Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Chas. W. Moore.

The Dep. Grand Master being absent on account of a sudden illness, the R. W. Lucius R. Paige, P. D. G. M. was installed as his proxy. The other officers were then installed by the Grand Master, and the usual Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal. After which the M. W. Grand Master delivered the following appropriate and highly interesting

ADDRESS:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Having been elected by your undivided vote to occupy the distinguished position of presiding over your deliberations and to perform the duties devolving upon the executive of this Masonic Jurisdiction, I would return my most grateful acknowledgments for your kindness and for the confidence you have thereby so generously reposed in me, and to assure you that my best efforts will be constantly directed to the continuance of the unexampled prosperity which now attends our ancient and time-honored institution.

It is deeply regretted that the impaired health of my predecessor has compelled him to decline another election to the station he has for two years so ably and worthily filled. In the expression of this regret, I know that I utter the sentiment of the whole fraternity of this Commonwealth. Besides losing his valuable services, we have to lament the painful cause of his retirement. It is hoped, however, that

as he has now thrown off the cares and responsibilities appertaining to the supreme office of our Order, he will speedily recover his health and strength, and be permitted by a kind Providence long to favor us with his counsel and share with us our hours of relaxation and refreshment. For twenty-six years, our distinguished Brother has been one of the most faithful and untiring laborers amongst us. The Beehive has indeed been to him a symbolic monitor of industry, in the practice of fraternal and benevolent excellence. From the pressing engagements of the learned profession, which he adorns, he has, in his zealous attachment to Masonry, found time to participate to an extent rarely equalled, in the affairs of the Lodge, Chapter, Encampment, and other Masonic organizations. As a Trustee of the Grand Charity Fund, a member of the Board of Relief, a Trustee of the Temple, and a member of the Board of Masonic Apartments, he has ever been faithful, active and efficient. In the collection of our Library we observe his zeal and perseverance, and correct Masonic judgment. But not among the least of his labors is that of gathering together the portraits of eminent Masons, which embellish this Lodge-room. To so true a Brother our feelings are those of the sincerest attachment and affection: may his genial companionship be long vouchsafed to us; and when, at last, he shall have taken the third step delineated upon the Master's Carpet, may he "enjoy the happy reflection consequent upon a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a blessed immortality."

The affairs and interests of this Jurisdiction having been so fully presented by him who has so long and faithfully presided over them, there remain only a few subjects to which I would invite your attention. An almost daily observation of the duties of the Recording Grand Secretary, during the past year, has convinced me that the compensation allowed to that officer, is entirely inadequate to the numerous and important services he performs. Believing that it is your desire to bestow a just and ample remuneration for labors of this kind, I would recommend that his salary be increased, and that he be permitted to employ a clerk at the expense of the Grand Lodge, as occasion may require.

In the course of their official duties, the officers of the Grand Lodge are frequently called to points remote from their places of residence, requiring expenditures incidental thereto, which have been paid in some cases, from their own private means, and in others from the grand treasury. The occasions demanding such expenditures, are the laying of corner-stones of Masonic and public edifices, the constitution

and consecration of Lodges, the installation of officers of new Lodges and the dedication of Masonic Halls—services strictly Masonic and official in their character, and beneficial in their influence on the welfare of the Order. It is for this body to determine, when a Lodge invites the grand officers to perform either of these duties, whether the expenses referred to shall be borne by the Grand Lodge exclusively, or whether in whole or in part by the subordinate Lodge. It seems to me to be just, that where the Lodge has the ability, the two bodies should bear them equally.

I would bring to your consideration the expediency of printing the Records of the Grand Lodge, including those of St. John's and Massachusetts' Grand Lodges. This might be done in a manner similar to that adopted for the publication of the Colonial records, under authority of the State government. The work should be given to a competent and discreet editor, and would be one of rare interest and usefulness. Thus the foundation of the history of our Order would be preserved, affording exact data and rich material for him who should undertake to write it.

As a means of promoting personal acquaintance among the Brethren, and securing the advantages arising from social intercourse, it seems desirable that observances of a festive character should be established at stated periods. In the warrant of the Grand Master of England, appointing, in 1733, Henry Price Grand Master of New England, an annual festival is enjoined in these terms: "And lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England, do annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, or (in case any accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as he shall judge most fit, as is done here." From time immemorial the Brethren of England have every year kept "the Feast." Their regulations, in 1721, provided that it should be observed by "The Brethren of all the Lodges in and about London and Westminster;" who should "assemble either on St. John Evangelist's Day or St. John Baptist's Day, as the Grand Lodge shall think fit by a New Regulation." In 1731, it was ordained, "That no particular Lodge shall have a Feast on the Day of the General Feast." The expenses attending these occasions were defrayed by those who participated in them. At the communication of the Grand Lodge, April 25, 1723, "The Tickets were ordered to be Ten Shillings each, impressed from a curious Copper Plate, and sealed with the Grand Master's Seal of Office, to be disposed of by the Grand Wardens and

Stewards." The Grand Master and other grand officers were installed into office, and other important business transacted at these communications. By the present regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, printed in 1855, it is declared that "There shall be a Masonic festival, annually, on the Wednesday next following Saint George's Day, which shall be dedicated to brotherly love and refreshment, and to which all regular Masons shall have access, on providing themselves with tickets from the grand stewards of the year;" and, further, that "Eighteen grand stewards shall be annually appointed, for the regulation of the grand festival, under the direction of the Grand Master." I have cited sufficient to show that "the feast" is, with our English Brethren, an ancient Masonic landmark, which they steadfastly regard to the present time. But, how have we, of this jurisdiction, departed from this ancient custom—from the command of the Warrant by which our institution was first organized on these shores! The restoration of these social communications would, no doubt, strengthen and harmonize our union, and animate to greater exertions to promote our common prosperity. Of late years, the practice has to some degree prevailed of celebrating St. John Baptist's Day among our Brethren of the country, not by the fraternity generally, but by particular Lodges. This anniversary occurring in the warm season, is appropriately commemorated away from crowded cities. May we not, in a spirit of reciprocity, attract our Brethren of the interior to social enjoyment in the metropolis? And what more suitable season offers than that in which occurs St. John Evangelist's Day, which is set apart by the Constitutions for the installation of the officers of this Grand Lodge?

The erection of a monument to the memory of our First Grand Master, is worthy of consideration. As our records now show, his remains are in the grave-yard in Townsend, in this State. The place of his burial is designated by a tablet bearing an inscription which records important facts of his life. To honor the worthy dead, accords with the feelings of respect and gratitude of the living. It may be hoped that some measures will ere long be instituted to provide a substantial and appropriate memorial to the honor of him who was the first to organize Freemasonry in this land. Our beautiful Mount Auburn affords all the advantages for the deposit of so sacred a testimonial. The ground which should be selected for it might be of that extent as to be also the burial-place of Brethren who die among us, away from their kindred and homes.

During the exciting political contest through which the community has just passed, one of unusual acrimony and violence, it is gratifying that partizan feelings have not been carried into our Lodge-rooms; and

that the political opinions of all have been scrupulously respected. The indulgence of conversation and animadversion upon the exciting public topics of the day, ought ever to be banished from our assemblies.

Words of caution have so frequently been spoken from the East of this Grand Lodge, respecting the qualifications of persons asking admittance into our Order, that the repetition would seem to be unnecessary. But I cannot refrain from expressing alarm that less inquiry is exercised as to the moral and social fitness of candidates than our welfare and safety demand. Masonry is designed to be eminently a social institution; its eleemosynary character is secondary. Of how great importance is it, then, that its disciples should be worthy of mutual esteem and confidence? Without such regard for each other, our boasted bond of union becomes powerless; and Masonry, if it exist at all, will do so only in name and form. I would, therefore, urge upon the officers of subordinate Lodges to exert the utmost scrutiny into the character of all who apply to them for initiation. If they are found unworthy, let no considerations whatever influence the ballot in their favor. Neither permit them to withdraw their petition without subjecting them to the negative vote; for otherwise they may gain admittance through portals less strictly guarded. A careful circumspection in this direction is indispensably necessary for the honor, usefulness, and even the existence of Freemasonry.

We have abundant cause for rejoicing at the general prosperity which attends our Order throughout the world. Its beneficent influences were never more extended and efficient than at the present time. Within the borders of this Commonwealth harmony and peace prevail, and a laudable emulation appears to actuate the Brethren to the faithful discharge of their Masonic duties. May the year now commenced under so happy circumstances, witness our continued success, and be productive of increased benefits to our ancient and beloved institution.

R. W. Brother Harwood submitted a proposition to amend Art. 1, Sec. 1, Part 3, of the Constitutions, by adding, at the close of the Section, the words—“*Together with a statement of the financial condition of the Grand Charity Fund.*” Which proposition was referred to R. W. Brothers Bradford, Raymond, Robinson and Harwood, the latter being added to the Committee by vote of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Brother Lewis offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge with such sentiments of gratitude as are due to those who have done so faithfully and so efficiently their duties, do thank the retiring Dist. Deputy Grand Masters for their valuable services during the past year.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in due form, at quarter-past 9 o'clock.

Prayer by the Junior Grand Chaplain.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

- 5816. Francis J. Oliver, Esq.
- 5834. Joshua B. Flint, M. D.
- 5837. Rev. Paul Dean.
- 5845. Simon W. Robinson, Esq.
- 5848. Edward A. Raymond, Esq.
- 5851. Rev. George M. Randall.
- 5854. Winslow Lewis, M. D.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

- 5819. Asa Eaton, D. D.
- 5832. Abraham A. Dame, Esq.
- 5837. George G. Smith, Esq.
- 5843. John B. Hammatt, Esq.
- 5844. Rev. E. M. P. Wells.
- 5851. Lucius R. Paige, Esq.
- 5854. Abraham T. Low, M. D.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

- 5833. Elias Haskell, Esq.
- 5840. Thomas Tolman, Esq.
- 5843. Robert Lash, Esq.
- 5844. Robert Keith, Esq.
- 5853. Daniel Harwood, M. D.
- 5854. Richard S. Spofford, M. D.
- 5855. Hon. William C. Plunkett.
- 5856. John T. Heard, Esq.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

- 5816. Ralph H. French, Esq.
- 5826. Hon. John Mills.
- 5837. C. Gayton Pickman, Esq.
- 5843. Thomas Power, Esq.
- 5844. John Hews, Esq.
- 5845. John R. Bradford, Esq.
- 5851. William Eaton, Esq.
- 5852. John Flint, M. D.
- 5853. Rev. Benjamin Huntton.
- 5854. Jonas A. Marshall, M. D.
- 5855. Samuel K. Hutchinson, Esq.
- 5856. Charles R. Train, Esq.

LIST OF LODGES.

The following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge :—

First District.

R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Boston.

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| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) |
| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1853.) |
| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | Gate of the Temple, S. Boston, ('56.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Winslow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Revere, Boston, U. D. |
| Mount Tabor, East Boston, (1846.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, U. D. |

Second District.

R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, Newburyport.

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| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1760.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1766.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| 'Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1852.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM NORTH, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |
| Good Samaritan, Reading, (1816.) | |

Fourth District.

R. W. LEVI RAWSON, Farnumsville.

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| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) |
| Meridian, Natick, (1797.) | Franklin, Grafton, (1852.) |
| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Blackstone River, Blackstone, U.D. |
| Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, ('18.) | |

Fifth District.

R. W. LUCIAN B. KEITH, North Bridgewater.

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| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | Rural, Quincy, (1801.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) |
| Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) | Paul Revere, N. Bridgewater, U.D. |

Sixth District.

R. W. HENRY EARL, Worcester.

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| Olive Branch, Sutton, (1797.) | Eden, Ware, (1824.) |
| Meridian Sun, Brookfield, (1797.) | Doric, Southbridge, (1826.) |
| Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) | Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) |
| Harris, Templeton, (1802.) | |

Seventh District.**R. W. GEORGE H. TABER, Fairhaven.**

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) |
| Bristol, Attleboro', (1797.) | Star in the East, New Bedford, ('23.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1798.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |

Eighth District.**R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, Hyannis.**

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| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | Mount Horeb, W. Harwich, (1855.) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1801.) | Benj. Franklin, West Dennis, (55.) |
| Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1856.) |
| Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) | |

Ninth District.**R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, Springfield.**

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| Cincinnatus, Sheffield, (1795.) | Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Lafayette, N. Adams, (1796.) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796.) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856.) |


Tenth District.**R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, Holyoke.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |

Eleventh District.**R. W. CHARLES B. ROGERS, Charlestown.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Putnam, East Cambridge, (1856.) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Mount Hermon, Medford, (1856.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856.) |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Pegosssett, Watertown, U. D. |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Wyoming, Melrose, U. D. |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1843.) | |

Union, Nantucket, (1801), **BENJAMIN BROWN**, Special Deputy.King Hiram, Provincetown, (1796) **J. P. JOHNSON**, Special Deputy.**CHARLES T. WARD** Special Deputy.Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1855), | **Star of the South, Concepcion, U.D.**

 The M. W. Grand Master requests, that the presiding officers of the respective Lodges under this jurisdiction, cause this communication to be read in open Lodge; and also the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to be read at the annual meetings of the Lodges.

G. SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:**CHAS. W. MOORE, 33 School street, Boston, Mass.**

CONFERRING DEGREES.

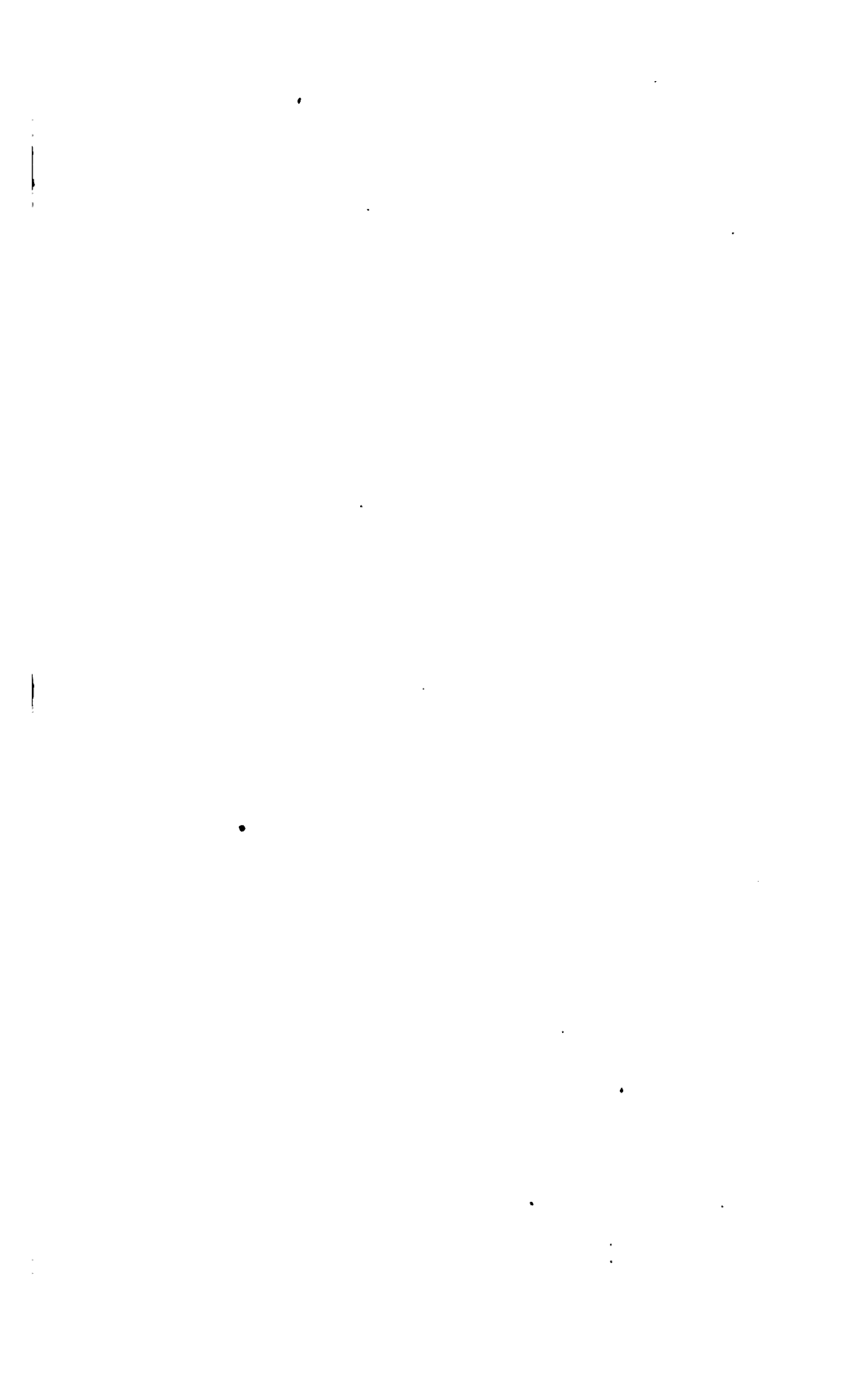
The following Order was adopted by the Grand Lodge,
June 4, 1843 :

“ Ordered, That from and after the passage of this order, it shall not be regular to give more than one degree to the same individual on the same day, nor at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, unless a dispensation shall have been obtained therefor.”

GRAND LODGE FEES.

In Grand Lodge, Sept. 9, 1846, it was

“ Ordered, That Section 10, Part IV., of the Constitutions, be amended by substituting \$6 instead of \$4, as the Annual Fee of each Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge ; and \$5 instead of \$3 50 as the Fee of every Candidate Initiated.



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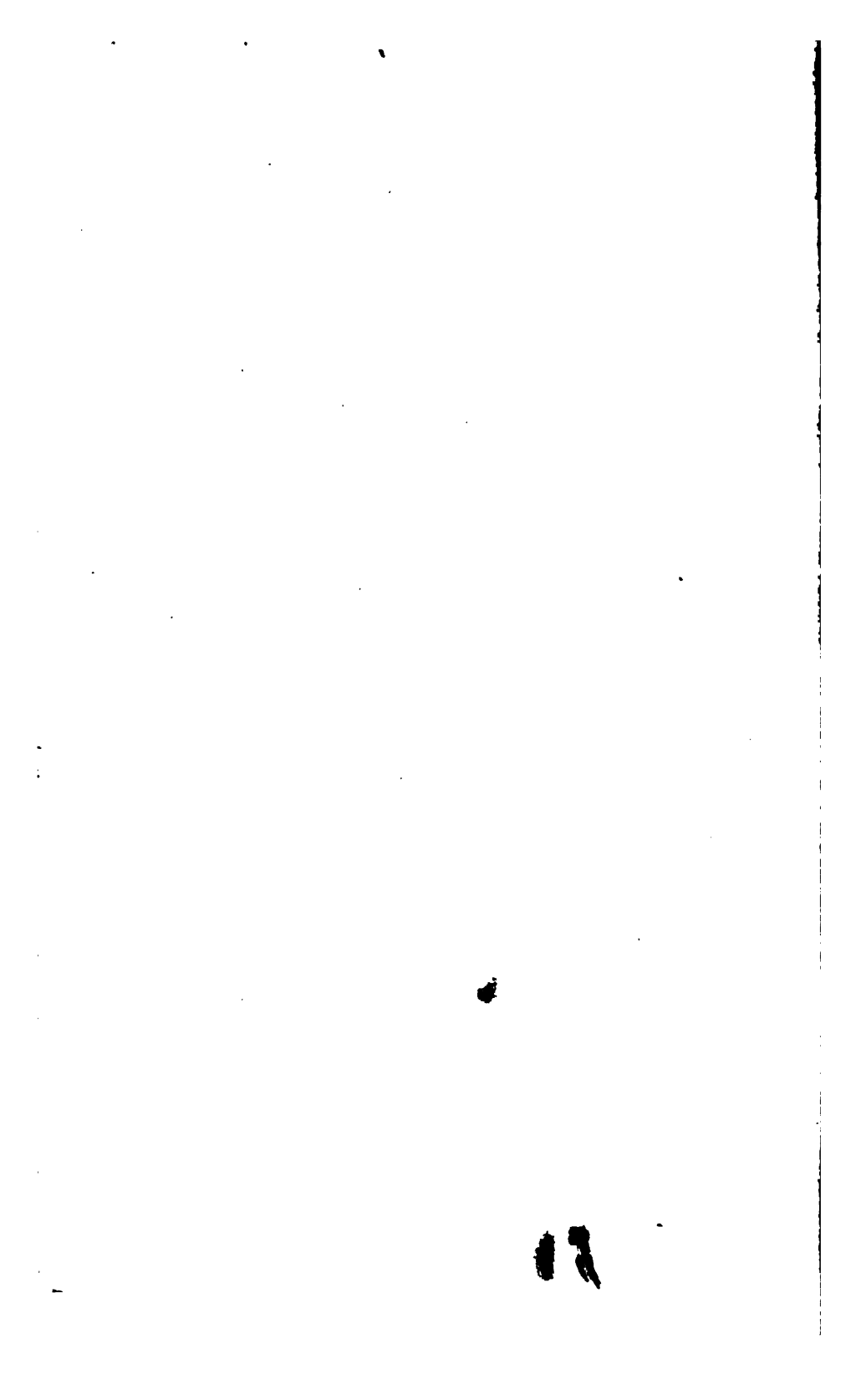
**LODGES, CHAPTERS, COUNCILS, AND
ENCAMPMENTS.**

By CHAS. W. MOORE, EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE.

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The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, recommended in his address, before that body in May last, as a Text-book, the "New Masonic Trestle-Board," remarking "I will not go so far as to say that it has no equal, but I feel no hesitation in recording my belief that it has never had a superior."

1858.



GRAND LODGE
OF
THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
IN UNION WITH
THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND LODGES
IN
EUROPE AND AMERICA,
ACCORDING TO THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

1857

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, G. M.



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OF
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THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FROM
MARCH 11, 5857, TO DECEMBER 28, 5857.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 11, A. L. 5857.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday March 11th, A. L. 5857, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

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| M. W. | JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master. | |
| R. W. | Rev. William Flint, D. G. M. | |
| " | Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W. | |
| " | John H. Sheppard, J. G. W. | |
| " | Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer. | |
| " | Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary. | |
| " | G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary. | |
| W. | Rev. N. M. Gaylord, G. Chaplain. | |
| " | William S. Gardner, G. Marshal. | |
| " | Enoch Hobart, S. G. D. | |
| " | E. D. Brigham, J. G. D. | |
| " | Peter Wainwright, | } G. Stewards. |
| " | John Low, | |
| " | Ezra Ripley, | |
| " | W. W. Wheildon, | |
| " | Peter C. Jones, G. S. Bearer. | |
| " | J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant. | |
| " | William C. Martin, | } G. Lecturers. |
| " | Benj. F. Nourse, | |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Scavey, | " No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, | " No. 4. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " Geo. H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " Benjamin Brown, for Nantucket. | |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

A petition from sundry Brethren residing at Harwich, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge in that place, was presented, and referred to Brothers Robinson, Surrette and Jones. This Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

Boston, March 11th, 1857.

The Committee appointed on the petition for a new Lodge at Harwich, have considered the same, and

REPORT,

That they have heard the petitioners for the new Lodge, and the remonstrance of Mount Horeb Lodge in said Harwich, and are of opinion,

That the petition is deficient in two essential particulars; that it has not the approbation of the nearest Lodge nor the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master; and, therefore, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

S. W. ROBINSON.
LEWIS A. SURETTE.
PETER C. JONES.

A petition from Evening Star Lodge was presented, and referred to Brothers Wales, Martin and Gaylord. This Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Evening Star Lodge, of Lee, dated February 10th, 1857, stating that their

Masonic Hall, Furniture, Charter, &c., was consumed by fire on the 23d instant—loss estimated at \$500 and no insurance—have had the subject under consideration, and

R E P O R T,

That while the Grand Lodge deeply sympathize with our Brethren of Evening Star Lodge in their serious loss—still, we do not deem it good policy to establish a precedent for the Grand Lodge, by recommending any draft upon its treasury in cases of loss of this character.

Your Committee recommend that a duplicate of their Charter be furnished said Evening Star Lodge by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, without any expense to them.

BRADFORD L. WALES, }
W.M. C. MARTIN, } *Committee.*

The By-Laws of Orphan's Hope Lodge were presented, and referred to Brothers Thornton, Sprague and Talbot.

A petition for a Charter was presented by the Brethren of Revere Lodge, in Boston, and referred to Brothers Sheppard, Oliver and Hobart, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Revere Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T,

That under a Dispensation said Lodge has been organized in due form, and as it appears by record, done much work, and that faithfully.

Your Committee examined the Code of By-Laws of Revere Lodge, and find them correct, and in accordance with the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and your Committee also refer, with pleasure, to the neatness and fair chirography in which their By-Laws and Records have been kept.

And as the dues have been duly paid to the Grand Treasurer, they recommend that a Charter be granted.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
SAML. P. OLIVER.
ENOCH HOBART.

March 11th, 1857.

R. W. Brother Robinson offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, Dec. 30th, 1856, to consider the proposition made by R. W. Daniel Harwood, to amend Art. 1, Sec. 1, Part 3d, of the Constitution, by adding, at the close of the Section, the words, "*Together with a statement of the financial condition of the Grand Charity Fund,*" having duly considered the subject, respectfully

REPORT,

That it is inexpedient to amend the Constitution by adding the words above written,—as the Secretary of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund is required by Sec. 6, Art. 1, Part 2d, to make a statement of the financial condition of the Charity Fund at every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
S. W. ROBINSON,
EDWARD A. RAYMOND, } *Committee.*

Boston, March 6, 1857.

A petition for a Charter for Paul Revere Lodge, in North Bridgewater, was referred to Brothers Flint, Gardner and Hunt, who having examined the accompanying papers, presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee upon the petition of Paul Revere Lodge, of North Bridgewater, beg leave to

REPORT,

That they have examined the By-Laws and Records of this Lodge and find them mostly correct and in order, and they would recommend that a Charter be granted them, when the following addition shall have been made to Art. 1st, Sec. 3, of the By-Laws.

"And no candidate shall be balloted for unless his petition, couched in the words prescribed by the Grand Lodge, has been referred to a Committee, and a report be made thereon; such report to be at least one month after the petition has been made, except as provided in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge," and when all other requisitions of the Grand Lodge are fulfilled.

WM. FLINT.
SANFORD M. HUNT.
WM. S. GARDNER.

R. W. Brother Wells, from the Committee on Charity, offered a Report of their doings, which was adopted.

The following communication from a Committee of the Bunker Hill Monument Association was presented, and the invitation therein given, accepted by the Grand Lodge :—

Boston, March 10, 1857.

To the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

The Bunker Hill Monument Association propose to inaugurate a Statue in marble of General Joseph Warren, on Bunker Hill, on the 17th June next, the eighty second anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, and they respectfully invite the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the subordinate Lodges, to assist in the ceremony.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN, *President of the B. H. M. Ass.,*
in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee with full powers, to make the necessary arrangements for celebrating the Inauguration of the Statue of Gen. Warren on the 17th June, viz : W. Lewis, L. R. Paige, C. B. Rogers, Caleb Rand, and Benj. Dean.

The By-Laws of Merrimac Lodge were presented, and referred to Brothers Sheppard, Oliver and Hobart.

[At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Lodge was closed until 6 o'clock in the evening, at which hour it was reopened and the business resumed.]

On motion of Brother Gardner, the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, delivered before the Grand Lodge on the 30th December last, was referred to Brothers Robinson, Gardner and Ripley.

The Committee on the By-Laws of Orphan's Hope Lodge asked for further time, which was granted.

R. W. Brother Warren offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee of the Grand Lodge appointed at their last Communication to report what the Grand Lodge has been paying for Diplomas, and on what terms they can be procured for the future, have considered the subject referred to them, and beg leave to

REPORT:

They find that the Diplomas have always been furnished by our R. W. Brother Geo. G. Smith, who engraved, and has always had the custody of the plates, and that the prices for the Diplomas have varied at different times as stated by R. W. Brother Smith in his letter to the Chairman of the Committee, which is here subjoined as a part of this Report.

The Committee find that the Diplomas have always been furnished to the Grand Lodge at the same rates which Brother Smith has charged for similar work to Colleges and other Institutions ; that the work for the Grand Lodge has always been faithfully and satisfactorily done, and that in the bill last paid to Brother Smith and in the one now under consideration before the Finance Committee, the Diplomas are charged at the same prices which the Grand Lodge had previously paid, and that no objection had ever been made by the Grand Lodge, in relation thereto, and consequently an implied contract was subsisting between the Grand Lodge and Brother Smith, that he should receive those prices which he has charged, being his customary rates, and that the bill now under consideration should be approved and paid at once.

The Committee are unanimously of the opinion, that the Grand Lodge ought not to put the business of printing their Diplomas into competition to be given to the lowest bidder. This business and the custody of the copperplates of the Grand Lodge, should be entrusted to a worthy and responsible Brother in whom the Grand Lodge should have implicit confidence, and for the special care required in superintending this work, a fair compensation should be given. In estimating the reasonableness of the charge made to the Grand Lodge for their Diplomas, a considerable allowance is to be made for the loss of material and of labor occasioned by the imperfect impressions which are made ; this loss has always been borne by Brother Smith, the Grand Lodge having paid only for perfect copies.

On the whole, the Committee are entirely satisfied that Brother Smith has dealt honorably and faithfully with the Grand Lodge during the whole time that he has had charge of this work, and that the Grand Lodge should accept the proposition which he has made for furnishing Diplomas in future.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
Chairman of Committee.

The following is Brother Smith's letter to the Committee :—

TO GEORGE W. WARREN, Esq.

My Dear Sir,—The Master Mason's Diploma belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was, to the best of my recollection, engraved about the year 1820. The price of Diplomas was then, I believe, seventyfive cents, including parchment, of course. Afterwards the price was reduced to fifty cents, and this has been the price ever since.

The price for College Diplomas, some not so large and none larger than the Master Mason's, has been always, and now is, 58 cents.

Those of larger size, like the Medical Diploma of Dartmouth College, for instance, are seventyfive cents, and for the Medical Diploma of Harvard College, the charge has always been one dollar.

Whether other people have done these things cheaper I cannot say : they were taken by me originally at the then established rates, and I am not aware of any reasons for reducing them, especially as the price of parchment has of late years risen to about double its former rate. The introduction of the artificial parchment, such as is now used for all Government purposes at Washington, was a suggestion of my own. I saw that a considerable saving might be made, and yet without furnishing an inferior or less durable article, and therefore recommended it. A saving of one-fifth has, as you see, been already made thereby, and in future I should be willing to undertake the work somewhat lower still ; say something like thirty cents for the large and fifteen for the small ; assuming, of course, all risk and superintending the work myself, as I always have done.

I remain, very truly yours,

GEO. G. SMITH.

The M. W. Grand Master, from the Committee of the "Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund," presented a Report, which was ordered to be recorded.

Whereupon, on motion of R. W. Brother Train, it was

Voted, That the Report and accompanying documents, relative to the Grand Charity Fund, be referred to a Committee and printed for the information of the Lodges and members of the Grand Lodge. And that said Committee report at the next Quarterly Communication on the expediency of authorizing a Note to be given, as asked for by the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Master appointed on the Committee Brothers Train, Oliver and W. H. L. Smith.

The M. W. Grand Master at this stage of the proceedings, rose and addressed the Grand Lodge at some length, submitting for the consideration of the Brethren sundry suggestions which he deemed to be important for the interests of the Grand Lodge. They were briefly as follows:—

1. Public Dedications and Consecrations. To these he was disinclined and thought they had better be omitted.
2. The Grand Lecturers, or such Brethren as they may recommend for the approval of the Grand Master, should alone be employed by the Lodges in teaching the Work and Lectures.
3. The By-Laws of the Lodges should be put into the hands of a Committee of the Grand Lodge for examination, and correction, if needed.
4. A Committee should be appointed to re-arrange and provide for the better security of the valuable archives of the Grand Lodge.
5. More ample accommodations are required by the Fraternity than the present apartments in the Temple afford.
6. The death of Dr. Kane was noticed in appropriate terms, and resolutions to his memory suggested.

The Grand Master having taken his seat, R. W. Brother Winslow Lewis offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, the Brethren rising:—

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts having heard with profound sensibility of the death of their illustrious Br. Elisha Kent Kane, and desiring to place upon their records a tribute to the memory of one so pure and noble, unanimously adopt the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That in the character of Dr. Kane we behold a choice and beautiful exemplification of the models preserved in Masonic traditions and of the virtue inculcated in Masonic morality.

Resolved, That the self-sacrificing philanthropy, the undaunted heroism, the gentle modesty and the unconquerable endurance which shone so conspicuously in his brief but ever memorable life, furnish an example worthy of the most exact imitation by every member of our Order.

Resolved, That we are proud to hold his name and story before the world as a lofty specimen, and the best eulogium of the Masons of America.

Resolved, That while we reflect with glad humility on his spotless career and devout spirit, we recognize everywhere the traces of a virtue and a faith which assure us, that all is well with him now, since to such as he, death is gain. His chivalrous name shall not fade from our hearts while we live, nor from our brightest annals while Masonry survives.

The same R. W. Brother also offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That a Committee be appointed with full power to procure a new Banner for this Grand Lodge, and also to propose a new motto as a substitute for the present one, which motto, if approved by the elected officers, shall be in future used on the Seal and Banner of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Referred to R. W. Brother Lewis.

On motion of R. W. Brother Wells, it was

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider and report at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in what manner, in their judgment, better accommodations can be secured for the use of the Fraternity than those they now have in this Temple.

The Grand Master appointed as this Committee, R. W. Brothers Wells, Wales, Train, Lewis and Dame.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to sit during the recess of the Grand Lodge, with full powers to examine and approve or disapprove of the By-Laws of subordinate Lodges and all alterations therein, and report to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, and also to request all subordinate Lodges to furnish said Committee with a copy of their By-Laws.

The Grand Master appointed on this Committee Brothers Bradford, Martin and Hobart.

The Committee on the By-Laws of Merrimac Lodge, made a verbal Report, and, on motion and vote, the further consideration of said By-Laws was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

On motion of R. W. Brother Coolidge, the mover and

Brothers Tolman and Thornton were appointed a Committee with full powers, to procure more suitable Regalia for the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The following Brethren were recognized as proxies for the current year :—Jonathan Greenwood, for Middlesex Lodge ; Thos. Restieaux, for Union Lodge, Nantucket ; John McClellan, for St. Paul's, Groton ; Charles Rice, for Meridian, and W. T. Davis, for Republican.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at quarter past 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Br. Flint.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—JUNE 10, A. L. 1857.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, June 10, A. L. 5857.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Winslow Lewis, D. G. M. p. t.
 " Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W.
 " John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " W. W. Wheildon, J. G. D., p. t.
 " John Lowe, G. Steward.
 " P. C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " John Alden, } G. Pursuivants.
 " J. P. Pattee, }
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Isaac P. Seavey, | District No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

- The Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of Orphan's Hope Lodge, had further time granted them ; as also had the Committee on the G. Master's Address.

The R. W. and Rev. Brother Wells, in behalf of the Committee appointed to consider in what respects the present accommodations for holding the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and other Masonic Bodies in the city, can be improved, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

Masonic Temp'le, June 10th, 1857.

The Committee appointed by this Grand Body at their last Quarterly Communication, to inquire whether any and if any, what measures can be adopted for the better accommodation of the Masonic Fraternity in this city, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That from a careful examination of this building, they find that it is not capable of being so altered as to furnish the requisite accommodation. They also find that the present value of this property is such, that even if accommodation could be furnished here, it would be at an annual rent of from \$8,000 to \$10,000, besides taxes, insurance and repairs, excepting only the rent of the Chickering rooms. Under these circumstances your Committee are happy to be able to report further, that having had a meeting in connection with the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, they are informed by them that they have a prospect of disposing of this building very advantageously to the Grand Lodge. Your Committee do therefore simply recommend leaving the matter with the Trustees.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. P. WELLS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on procuring new Regalia for the D. D. Grand Masters, made a partial Report and had further time. They were also authorized to procure new Regalia for the Grand Lecturers.

A petition was presented from several Brethren residing at Malden, praying that the Charter of the late Mount

Hermon Lodge, at that place, may be restored to them, which was referred to Brothers Raymond, Rand, and Jones.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following letter from the father of the late Dr. Kane, which was ordered to be recorded :—

Philadelphia, April 25th, 1857.

My Dear Sir,—I pray you to present my thanks and those of all my household to your venerable Lodge for the honors it has rendered to my lamented son.

He was indeed a true craftsman : he appropriated his light and his life to charity ; and it is just therefore as well as grateful to his memory, that his Brethren should commemorate his devotion to the pledges of our mystic Order.

I have delayed this note of acknowledgment, in the hope of sending with it his little Masonic flag, the same flag that drooped from the tent pole on the icefloes, and that spread itself proudly to the Polar sea. But I have not as yet been able to reclaim it from among the remains of the Expedition. I still hope to find it, and to offer it to the acceptance of the Institution you so worthily preside over.

Renewing the expression of my thanks, I beg leave to subscribe myself, dear sir,

Your Brother and friend,

J. K. KANE.

To the R. W. JOHN T. HEARD,

Grand Master of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Brother Wells from the Committee of Relief, made a Report of their doing since the last Communication, which was ordered to be recorded.

The R. W. Brother Raymond offered the following Vote, which was received and laid on the table :—

Voted, That the Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized to sell the Masonic Temple, on such terms as they shall deem to be for the interest of the Grand Lodge, and they are also hereby empowered, if they shall so dispose of the Temple, to secure by purchase or otherwise, a suitable lot of land for the erection of another building adapted to the present necessities of the Grand Lodge and Fraternity.

An invitation to attend the celebration of St. John's

Day, on the 24th instant, at Nashua, N. H., was received and declined, a similar invitation from Providence, R. I., was also received and referred to the M. W. Grand Master with full powers.

The Committee on procuring a new Seal offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee appointed with full powers to prepare a new seal for the Grand Lodge, submit the following

R E P O R T :

That the seal so long in use was so much effaced, that it gave but a very imperfect impression, and that in its best state it bore nothing significant of Freemasonry saving the Arms of the city of York, England. The supporters were two non-descript animals, perhaps beavers, perhaps lizards. The crest was a helmet.

The motto was in still worse taste, "Follow reason." How this came to be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, our best Masonic Antiquary cannot determine. It has no especial reference to the principles of the Order, nor to that diffused philanthropy which is its boast. It might serve for the anarchists of the French Revolution, but not for us.

Your Committee, therefore, have almost entirely changed this old seal and adopted one which, it is hoped, will be deemed to be in better taste and more explicit significance. The shield is divided into two parts—one represents the Arms of Massachusetts, the other those of the ancient city of York, from whence originated our denomination of Ancient York Masons. The crest is a dove with the olive branch, symbolical of that peaceful mission we all profess. The supporters are two angels bearing the symbols of justice and truth.

The motto is from that well known sentiment of Terence—" *Homo Sum, nihil humanum alienum a me puto*," and tersely expressed in these words—" *humani nihil alienum*," which may be translated "man everywhere our Brother;" or, "our hearts are for all mankind," or "nothing which relates to man is alien to us."

The heraldic description is as follows:—

Arms. A shield parted per pale, azure and or, the dexter side bearing the Arms of Massachusetts, the sinister those of the Masonic Fraternity of York Masons, viz., or on a chevron guiles, between three towers argent—an open pair of compasses.

Crest. A Dove holding in its beak an Olive Branch.

Supporters. Two Angels proper, that on the dexter side holding a flaming Sword, the sinister supporting a branch of Palm.

Motto. "*Humani nihil alienum.*"

Which is respectfully submitted by W. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred at the last Communication, reported that they had caused the Report on the Grand Charity Fund to be printed and circulated among the Lodges, and asked for further time to report on the subject of the Note asked for by the Trustees of the Fund.

The Committee on By-Laws offered the following Report, which was laid on the table :—

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to inspect the By-Laws of the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, have attended to that duty, and

R E P O R T ,

That they find such of them as have been placed in their hands, generally in conformity with the By-Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, with the exception that the penalty of suspension, or expulsion is, in some cases, made to apply to an infringement of the private rules and regulations of the subordinate Lodge. The Committee are aware that every Brother is bound to observe all laws, rules and regulations of the Lodge of which he may be a member—but the infringement of these regulations cannot be punished further than a forfeiture of membership, which is undoubtedly all that was intended and should be so expressed. The Lodge itself can go no further. If, however, the offence be of such magnitude as to deserve suspension or expulsion, then a regular trial must be had in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and sent up to that Body for final action.

The Committee recommend that the annual meeting of the subordinate Lodges be held in the month of November, which would enable them to be fully organized in season to participate in the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in December.

JOHN R. BRADFORD.

ENOCH HOBART.

Boston, June 9th, 1857.

W. C. MARTIN.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past four o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Bro. Wells.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 9, A. L. 1857.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, Sept. 9, A. L. 5857.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. William Flint, D. G. M.
 " Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W.
 " John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.
 " W. W. Wheildon, S. G. D. p. t.
 " Isaac H. Wright, J. G. D., p. t.
 " Peter Wainwright, G. Steward.
 " P. C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, | " No. 4. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master announced in appropriate terms the death of R. W. Brother Elias Haskell, a Past Senior Grand Warden and Permanent Member of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on motion, it was

Voted, That the Grand Lodge take a recess until half-past four o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the deceased, and that the hall be dressed in mourning for three months, as a mark of respect for his memory.

At half-past four o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Master and the business of the session resumed:

A petition signed by Wm. E. Graves and thirteen other Master Masons, who have been working the past year as a Lodge under Dispensation of the Grand Master, was presented and referred to Brothers Moore, Wright and Parker. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Warren Lodge, U. D., respectfully

R E P O R T :

That the proceedings of said Lodge the past year, and the By-Laws adopted for its future government, are in conformity with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and they recommend that a Charter issue, as prayed for by the petitioners.

C. W. MOORE.

I. H. WRIGHT.

ISAAC PARKER.

Masonic Temple, Sept. 9th, 1857.

A similar petition was also presented by J. S. Dennis and seven other Master Masons, praying that a Charter may issue to them for a Lodge at Melrose, under the name of Wyoming Lodge, and referred to Brothers Sheppard, Lewis and Tolman, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Wyoming Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That said Lodge has been duly organized under a Dispensation for one year—have held regular meetings, and kept faithful records of their work.

Your Committee have examined their Code of By-Laws, and find them correct and agreeable to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

And as the customary fees have been paid into the Grand Treasury, they recommend that a Charter, as prayed for, be granted.

Sept. 9th, 1857.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.

A petition was received from Cincinnatus Lodge, praying for permission to remove said Lodge from Sheffield to Great Barrington, which was referred to Brothers Raymond, Martin and Bicknell, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

Masonic Temple, Sept. 9th, 1857.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cincinnatus Lodge, at Sheffield, praying for permission to remove the same to Great Barrington, respectfully Report:—That the prayer of said petitioners be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. RAYMOND.

W. C. MARTIN.

LOVELL BICKNELL.

R. W. Brother Raymond, in behalf of the Committee to whom was referred at the last Quarterly Communication, a petition of sundry Brethren residing at Malden, praying that the Charter of the late Mt. Hermon Lodge, may be restored to them, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which Report was adopted.

Bro. Thornton, from the Committee on the By-Laws of Orphan's Hope Lodge, reported them as being correct, and recommended their approval by the Grand Lodge. The Report was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that he had received a note from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, to the effect that the expenses incurred by that Body in inaugurating the statue of Gen. Warren on the 17th of June last, were unexpectedly large, and intimating that a contribution from the Treasury of the G. Lodge would be most acceptable. Whereupon, on motion, the subject was referred to Bros. Heard, Paige, Wright, Pope and Barker.

R. W. Brother Robinson offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, delivered on the 30th of Dec., 1857, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to

R E P O R T .

The subjects presented in that address, are highly important and claim the careful consideration of the Grand Lodge. They should be examined in all their bearings and tendency, not only with regard to the present, but to the future welfare and prosperity of the institution.

The first matter to which the Grand Master invites attention, is the compensation allowed the Grand Secretary for his services; but as this was subsequently considered by the Grand Lodge, and the salary fixed at \$500, your Committee regard this matter as already disposed of.

The second matter referred to by the Grand Master, is the expenses incurred by the Grand Officers in the discharge of their official duties. There can be no doubt that the Grand Lodge is holden and willing to defray the necessary expenses of its officers in the performance of all such duties as legitimately belong to them. But there are certain duties which appropriately belong to the District Deputies in their respective districts, and whenever the Grand Lodge is invited to perform any of these duties, the invitation should be deemed and taken as a promise or agreement to defray the expenses, by the party giving the invitation. If the course here indicated should be approved and strictly adhered to, there will be no necessity for any legislation upon the subject.

The third matter, and by far the most important, to which our attention has been called, is the printing of the Records of the Grand Lodge. This your Committee regard as of doubtful expediency.

The expenses of such an undertaking must necessarily be very great, and the advantages that would accrue to the fraternity altogether disproportioned to the cost. Our records are not intended for public inspection, nor would they interest the general reader; but in the hands of our enemies might be used to our hurt: during the dark reign of antimasonry they were sought with avidity, and with a perseverance that would have done credit to a better cause, but which the Grand Lodge spared no pains to keep from its polluting touch. Now what has been may be reproduced, the persecution through which the institution has passed, may be revived.

Although it is at the present moment *per se*, a tower of strength, and apparently far removed from danger, yet it not unfrequently

happens, that we are exposed to the greatest peril when we least expect it. Safety is the price of untiring vigilance and watchfulness.

It is also greatly to be feared, that our treasury is not in a condition to respond to so large a draft as would be required to complete a work of this magnitude; and if it were, the question naturally arises, is such an application of our funds in accordance with the benevolent objects and design of the Order? Our funds are sacredly dedicated to the poor and indigent, and cannot rightfully be applied to any purpose which has not this object distinctly in view. In view of the facts, your Committee would recommend that the further consideration of this subject be indefinitely postponed.

The fourth matter referred to in the Grand Master's address is the observance of Masonic Festivals at stated periods; this subject was so clearly and forcibly presented by the Grand Master that it cannot fail to commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. As it is an ancient landmark recognized by our Constitutions, your Committee regard it as the prerogative of the Grand Master to order its observance, whenever, in his judgment, it shall be deemed expedient.

The Grand Master has also suggested the propriety of erecting a monument to the memory of our "first Grand Master, Henry Price." This, indeed, would be a grateful service, were our means equal to the undertaking, but unfortunately they are not. To erect a monument that would be creditable to the Grand Lodge, would involve a large expenditure, which we can but ill-afford, while there are outstanding and unliquidated claims upon our treasury.

The words of caution which the Grand Master was pleased to offer respecting the qualification of candidates to our Order, are wise and timely, and it is devoutly to be hoped they will be duly heeded; that the moral and social fitness of candidates is too often overlooked cannot be denied.

The hot haste with which they are sometimes passed through the various degrees, induces the belief that the *fee* is regarded as paramount, and all other qualifications as of minor importance. Such practices are the bane of the institution, merit the severest reprehension, and, in fact, justify the revocation of Charters. The investigation of character is frequently so imperfectly performed, that it is of no practical use whatever. If nothing is found in the character of the applicant decidedly *bad*, although there is nothing known to be positively *good*, he is recommended as a suitable person for the honors of Masonry. And oft times when there are some glaring defects of

character, he is introduced into the Order, in the hope that the moral influence of the institution will reclaim him and lead him in paths of virtue and innocence. Although a reformation may sometimes be achieved in this way, yet it is a dangerous experiment, and should be wholly discountenanced. The Lodge was never designed to be a hospital for moral delinquency. None should be permitted to pass its threshold whose moral character will not stand the test of the severest scrutiny. No defective material should be used in the construction of our Masonic edifice. Your Committee would therefore recommend, that great care be enjoined upon the working Lodges in the admission of candidates to the Order, and the term of probation be scrupulously observed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. W. ROBINSON.

W. S. GARDNER.

The Committee of Charity offered a Report of their doings, which was accepted.

On motion of Brother Wheildon, the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, were appointed a Committee to consider and report on the expediency of taking the necessary steps to obtain a special act of incorporation for the Grand Lodge, or of organizing the body as a corporation under the general law of the State.

The Vote offered at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the Trustees to make a sale of the Temple if they should see fit, was then taken up and debated at some length, when on motion of R. W. Brother Lewis, it was

Voted, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed to Wednesday, the 23d instant, and that the Secretary notify the Lodges that the matter will then come up for final action.

The Grand Lodge was adjourned to the day above named, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ADJOURNED COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 23, A. L. 5857.

An Adjourned Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday, Sept. 23d, A. L. 5857, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W.
 " John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.
 W. William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " John Low, J. G. D. p. t.
 " Peter Wainwright, } G. Stewards.
 " W. W. Wheildon, }
 " Peter C. Jones, G. S. Bearer.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " Geo. H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Prayer by R. W. Brother L. R. Paige.

Brother Henry Abbott, 2d, was recognized as Proxy for St. Matthew's Lodge, and Brother Wm. E. Ansell, for Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich.

Brother I. H. Wright from the Committee on a Communication from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, presented a Report, and the following appended Resolution, which were adopted :—

Resolved, That the sum of *one hundred dollars* is hereby appropriated as a donation to the B. H. M. Association towards defraying the expenses of dedicating the statue of Warren, on the 17th of June last, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to the President of that Association, taking his receipt therefor.

R. W. Brother Randall presented a petition from Mr. Jeremiah Stone, of Provincetown, which was referred to Brothers Randall, Ensign and Robinson, and this Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Stone, of Provincetown, beg leave to

R E P O R T ,

That they have considered the subject referred to them, and are unanimously of opinion that said petition should be granted, but in consideration of the importance of the subject and for the purpose of a safe precedent, they recommend the adoption of the resolution appended.

Resolved, That the petition of Jeremiah Stone be continued to the next Communication of this Grand Lodge. And that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform King Hiram's Lodge, Provincetown, of the pendency of said petition, to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Chairman*.

Boston, Sept. 23d, A. D. 1857.

The Vote offered by R. W. Brother Raymond, at the Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, authorizing the Trustees to sell the Temple, and which was under consideration at the adjournment of the Grand Lodge on the 9th instant, was then taken up and amended so as to read as follows :—

Voted, That the Trustees be, and they are hereby instructed and required to sell the Masonic Temple, to the United States of America, upon the terms and conditions proposed by the Secretary of the Interior in his communication to the President of the Board of Trustees of said Masonic Temple, dated Sept. 3d, 1857, and hold the proceeds upon the same trusts and for the same uses as they now hold the Masonic Temple.

The Vote in the above form having been fully and ably discussed, was adopted as follows :—

| | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Grand Officers, | 16 | 2 |
| Permanent Members, | 6 | 5 |
| Masters of Lodges, | 14 | 13 |
| Senior Wardens of Lodges, | 12 | 9 |
| Junior Wardens of Lodges, | 5 | 4 |
| Proxies, | — | 2 |
| | 53 | 35 |

W. Brother W. H. L. Smith, submitted a Report on the subject of the Grand Charity Fund, which was read and laid upon the table until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in ample form, at 6 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Brother Randall.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 9, A. L. 5857.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, December 9th, A. L. 5857.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.

R. W. William Flint, D. G. M.

“ Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W.

“ John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.

“ Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.

“ Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

“ G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.

W. Rev. N. M. Gaylord, G. Chaplain.

“ William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.

“ Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.

“ Isaac H. Wright, J. G. D., p. t.

“ Peter Wainwright,

“ John Low,

“ W. W. Wheildon,

} G. Stewards.

- W. Peter C. Jones, G. S. Bearer.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Brother Flint.

A petition from sundry Brethren, who the past year have been working as a Lodge under Dispensation, at Watertown, praying for a Charter, under the name of Pequossette Lodge, was presented and referred to R. W. Brothers Lewis, W. Flint and Sheppard. This Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Pequossette Lodge, Watertown, under a Dispensation the past year, and praying for a Charter,

R E P O R T,

That they have examined the By-Laws and Records, and find them with certain changes which have been ordered, conformable to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that a Charter be granted said Lodge.

WINSLOW LEWIS,

Dec. 9, 1857.

For the Committee.

The proceedings of Blackstone River Lodge, in the case of Samuel C. Bowley, was presented and referred to Brothers Wales, Coolidge and Benj. Dean, which Com-

mittee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the doings of the Blackstone River Lodge, in suspending Brother Samuel C. Bowley, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they find that the sentence passed by said Lodge is, that "Br. Bowley be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry during the pleasure of the Lodge."

This is susceptible of two constructions, namely—

1st. That the sentence should operate as a suspension generally ; rejecting the words "during the pleasure of the Lodge," as a void qualification—and

2d. That the entire sentence is inoperative and void, because of said unauthorized qualification—except so far as by the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, it may operate as a suspension until the cause is finally settled.

The Committee is inclined to the latter construction, because it is impossible for your Committee to conclude that without some such qualification, said Blackstone River Lodge would have passed any vote of suspension whatever.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the communication from said Lodge, and the minutes of their proceedings, be recommitted to said Lodge for further action ; which is duly submitted by

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| BRADFORD L. WALES, | } Committee. |
| W. D. COOLIDGE, | |
| BENJ. DEAN, | |

Dec. 9, 1857.

A petition from Morning Star Lodge, was presented and referred to Brothers Raymond, Eaton and Bicknell, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted, and the prayer of the petitioners granted :—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, Dec. 9th, 1857.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Morning Star Lodge, of Worcester, ask leave to

REPORT,

That the custom of the Grand Lodge is to date Charters from the time they are issued, but as the petitioners are desirous of having their present Charter bear the date of the original one, we see no objection, should the Grand Lodge see fit to grant their prayer. We therefore report in favor, for the purpose of bringing the subject before the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

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| EDWARD A. RAYMOND, | } Committee. |
| GEO. B. EATON, | |
| LOVELL BICKNELL, | |

R. W. Brother Sheppard, in behalf of the Committee to whom the subject was referred at the last Quarterly Communication, offered a Report on the expediency of organizing the Grand Lodge as a civil corporation. Whereupon, (the report having been fully discussed,) Brother Wright offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That the Report be referred to a Committee of seven, and that the Committee be instructed to draw up a plan of incorporation under the general laws of this Commonwealth ; also a draft of a special Act ; both to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to compose the Committee, viz :—I. H. Wright, L. R. Paige, Charles R. Train, G. W. Warren, W. H. L. Smith, Benj. Dean and John A. Dana.

R. W. Brother Randall offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :—

Whereas, this Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly Communication, on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1856, did confirm the doings of King Hiram's Lodge, Provincetown, whereby Jeremiah Stone, of Provincetown, was expelled from Freemasonry, for having violated the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, in that he recommended a person for degrees in Mount Tabor Lodge, East Boston, whose application for the degrees had been rejected by King Hiram's Lodge, Provincetown :

And whereas said Jeremiah Stone has petitioned this Grand Lodge to be restored to his former standing and privileges as a Mason, in which petition he avers that he did not know of the provision of the

Constitutions at the time he violated it ; and the Committee to whom this petition was referred, at the Communication of the Grand Lodge in September last, did unanimously recommend that the request of the petitioner be granted—Therefore

Resolved, That Jeremiah Stone, of Provincetown, be, and he hereby is, restored to all the rights and privileges as a Freemason, which he enjoyed previous to his expulsion by King Hiram's Lodge.

The By-Laws of St. John's Lodge, Boston, and of Corinthian Lodge, Concord, were presented, with specific amendments, for approval, and referred to Brothers Lewis, Flint and Sheppard. This Committee offered a verbal Report, approving of the amendments submitted by Corinthian Lodge, and the following written Report, in the case of St. John's Lodge ; both of which Reports were adopted :—

The Committee to whom was entrusted to consider some changes proposed in the By-Laws of St. John's Lodge,

R E P O R T :

That the proposed changes were such as, in the opinion of your Committee, would meet the acceptance of the Grand Lodge, and they accordingly recommend them for approval.

WINSLOW LEWIS,

Dec. 9, 1857.

For the Committee.

[At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Lodge took a recess until 7 o'clock, at which hour it resumed its business as follows] :—

The Secretary of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, the Trustees of the Temple, and the Committee of Finance submitted Reports, which were ordered to be recorded.

The Committee of Charity also presented a Report, which was adopted.

R. W. Brother Lewis offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That a Committee of nine be appointed, of which the Grand Master shall be Chairman, to select, and if they deem expedient, to secure by bond, one or more lots of land in some central location, suit-

able for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, and to procure the necessary plans, estimates, &c. for the building, and to report to this Grand Lodge on the 2d Wednesday in March next, or sooner, if in their judgment necessary.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to compose the above Committee, viz: R. W. Bradford L. Wales, Winslow Lewis, Chas. W. Moore, E. A. Raymond, W. H. L. Smith, Daniel Harwood, Wm. Parkman and J. R. Bradford.

R. W. Brother Lewis also offered the following Vote, which was adopted, and R. W. Simon W. Robinson, J. Flint and Sanford M. Hunt, were appointed the Committee on the part of the Grand Lodge:—

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to act in connection with a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Apartments of Boston, for the purpose of procuring temporary apartments for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge, and of the Masonic Institutions which meet in this Temple, should the same become necessary or expedient.

A petition from Mount Hope Lodge, for remission of dues, was presented and referred to Brothers Pickman, Hobart and Rand.

The following Brethren were recognized as Proxies:— E. P. Graves, for Republican Lodge; A. A. Richmond, for Lafayette Lodge, and Moses Kimball, for Ashler Lodge.

The hour fixed by the Constitutions for the Election of Officers having arrived, a return of the voters present was made, and Bros. Lewis, Wainwright and Wheildon were appointed a Committee to collect and report the ballots.

The Committee having attended to their duty, reported the following results:—

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.

R. W. HENRY GODDARD, Senior Grand Warden.

“ ISAAC HULL WRIGHT, Junior Grand Warden.

“ THOMAS TOLMAN, Grand Treasurer.

“ CHARLES W. MOORE, Recording Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER, W. H. L. SMITH, SOLON THORNTON.

TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHARITY FUND.

R. W. DANIEL HARWOOD, W. THOMAS RESTEAUX, JOHN MCCLELLAN,
WM. PARKMAN, WENDELL T. DAVIS, JOHN FLINT.

The Elections having been completed, Brother Dana, of Worcester, offered the following Resolution, which was adopted, and the subject referred to Brothers Dame, Gardner and Bradford :—

Resolved, That the Fourth Part of the Constitutions of the M. W. Grand Lodge be amended in Article I., Sec. 10, by striking out the word *five*, and inserting in place thereof the word *three*, in the third line of said section, so that the same shall read, “ and three dollars for every candidate by them initiated,” &c.

R. W. Brother Train offered the following amendment to the Constitutions, viz :—

That Article 5, Part I., of the Constitutions, in 1st Section thereof be amended by adding to the 5th line, so that it shall read, “ unless he be a Past presiding Master of a regular Lodge.”

Which, on motion of Brother Gardner, was amended by adding thereto the words—“ within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.”

The motion, as amended, was then referred to Brothers Train, Gardner and Robbins.

On motion, Brothers J. P. Pattee, Thomas Hill, Jr., and E. J. Cleveland, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Installation of Officers on the 28th instant.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Brother Flint.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION—Dec. 28, A. L. 5857.

A Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge was held, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitutions, on Monday, the 28th December, A. L. 5857, at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
- R. W. Isaac H. Wright, S. G. W. p. t.
- “ John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.
- “ Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
- “ Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
- “ C. Gayton Pickman, G. Chaplain, p. t.
- W. John Low, S. G. D.
- “ W. W. Wheildon, G. Steward.
- “ J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
- “ William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
- “ Benj. F. Nourse, }

Together with between three and four hundred representatives of Lodges and visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened with prayer by the G. Chaplain; after which the M. W. Grand Master stated the immediate business before the Grand Lodge to be the exemplification of the Work and Lectures by the Grand Lecturers. Before entering upon which duty, however, he presented the By-Laws of Merrimack Lodge for approval, which on motion, were referred to Brothers Sheppard, Lovering and Bicknell, for examination, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the Code of By-Laws of Merrimack Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they have examined the Code of By-Laws of said Merrimack Lodge, and find them in accordance with the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

They therefore recommend that said Code be approved by the Grand Lodge.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.

Q. W. LOVERING.

LOVELL BICKNELL.

December 28, 1857.

An invitation was also presented from Mount Zion Lodge, to attend the dedication of their new Hall, on the 30th instant, which was accepted.

W. Brother Isaac H. Wright presented a Report on the subject of making the Grand Lodge a corporate body, which was received and laid on the table, without reading.

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Lecturers to proceed with the duties of their appointment, which occupied the remainder of the day (with the exception of a short recess at noon) until 4 o'clock, P. M., when the G. Lodge was closed, in ample form, until 7 o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled and was opened in due form, by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, at 7 o'clock.

P R E S E N T .

R. W. Rev. William Flint, D. G. M. as G. Master.

" C. Gayton Pickman, S. G. W., p. t.

" John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.

" Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.

" Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

" G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.

W. Rev. N. M. Gaylord, G. Chaplain.

" William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.

" William C. Martin, S. G. D., p. t.

" John Low, J. G. D., p. t.

" Peter Wainwright, } G. Stewards.

" W. W. Wheildon, }

Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.

" Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, | " No. 4. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |

The R. W. Bro. Wells having obtained leave, presented a petition from Liberty Lodge, which was referred to the Committee of Charity, with full powers.

A petition from sundry Brethren, former members of the late Bethel Lodge, was also presented and referred to Brothers Dean, Baker and Martin.

The Deputy G. Master then resigned the Chair to P. G. Master Winslow Lewis, who appointed R. W. Brothers Randall, Robinson, J. Flint, Wells and Dame, a Committee to introduce the Grand Master elect for installation.

The Committee, in pursuance of the duty of their appointment, presented the M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., of Boston, who was duly installed by the R. W. Past Grand Master Lewis, and saluted by the Brethren as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

Having returned his thanks to the Brethren for the high honor done him, proceeded to qualify and install the R. W. Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary elect; after which he directed the Grand Marshal to announce the following

APPOINTMENTS:

- R. W. Rev. William Flint, of Greenfield, Deputy Grand Master.
 " G. Washington Warren, of Charlestown, Cor. Grand Secretary.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood of Springfield, } Grand Chaplains.
 " Rev. Thos R. Lambert, of Charlestown, }
 " William S. Gardner, of Lowell, Grand Marshal.
 " Enoch Hubart, of Boston Senior Grand Deacon.
 " Wm. W. Baker, of Boston, Junior Grand Deacon.
 " Peter Wainwright, of Boston, }
 " John Low, of Chelsea, } Grand Stewards.
 " William W. Wheildon, of Concord, }
 " Sandford M. Hunt, of Roxbury, }
 " Peter C. Jones, of Boston, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " John Alden, of Randolph, } Grand Pursuivants.
 " J. P. Pattee, of West Cambridge, }
 " William C. Martin, of Boston, } Grand Lecturers.
 " Benjamin F. Nourse, of Cambridge, }
 Bro. Irving I. Harwood, of Boston, Grand Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, of Boston, Grand Chorister.
 " Eben F. Gay, Grand Tyler.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, of Boston, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, of Newburyport, | " 2. |
| " William North, of Lowell, | " 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, M. D., of Farnumsville, | " 4. |
| " Lucien B. Keith, of North Bridgewater, | " 5. |
| " Henry Earl, of Worcester, | " 6. |
| " George H. Taber, of Fairhaven, | " 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, | " 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, of Springfield, | " 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, of Holyoke, | " 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, of Charlestown, | " 11. |
| " Clement A. Walker, M. D., of South Boston, | " 12. |
| " Charles T. Ward, Special Deputy for Chili, S. America. | |

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

Brothers Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

Brothers Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Chas. W. Moore.

The Grand Master having installed his Deputy, together with the Deputies for the several Districts, the remainder of the appointed officers were installed by the Deputy G. Master, in due and ancient form, and the usual proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal ; after which the M.

W. Grand Master delivered the following highly interesting and valuable

A D D R E S S .

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :—

At our Quarterly Communication in September last, I announced the decease of R. W. Brother Elias Haskell—one of the eldest and most respected of our number. An adjournment having taken place for the purpose, we had the mournful satisfaction to unite with his family and others in attending the funeral services performed over his remains at his late residence in this city. Brother Haskell attained to the great age of nearly ninety years; and, until a short time before his death, possessed his mental and physical faculties in a remarkable degree. He manifested a great attachment to Freemasonry; and for a long period rendered active and useful services in several Masonic societies. In the establishment of the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, in 1819, he took a prominent part. In December, 1833, he was elected Senior Grand Warden of this body, and served in that capacity three successive terms. Throughout the tempestuous season of anti-masonry, he never swerved from his fidelity to our institution; and his name is borne upon the able and dignified memorial of this Grand Lodge, by which it surrendered, in 1833, its corporate powers to the General Court of Massachusetts.

Surrender of Charters.

Having received information that Bristol Lodge, in the town of Attleboro', had held but one meeting since its Charter was restored, December 13, 1854, and that during this period it had made no returns or payments required by our regulations, I ordered, in August last, D. D. Grand Master Taber to take possession of its effects. This duty was promptly performed, and the Charter, records and jewels, have been placed in the keeping of the Grand Treasurer. As the delinquency of this Lodge to make returns and payments has continued for three years, its Charter, funds and regalia should be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge, according to our Constitutions, Part 4th, Article 1, Sec. 4.

It has been officially communicated to me that at a special meeting of Good Samaritan Lodge, Reading, held on the 24th of September last, it was voted to deposit its Charter and book of records with the Grand Lodge for safe keeping. The reason given for the act is, "that Brethren, not members of Good Samaritan Lodge, who were active in

procuring said Charter and records from where they were placed, with said Grand Lodge, and had been for years, for safety, have failed themselves to become members of said Lodge." The Master states "that the remaining members of Good Samaritan Lodge are too few in number and too aged to sustain a creditable working Lodge." R. W. Bro. North, D. G. M. of the Third District, received the Charter and records and has deposited them with the Grand Treasurer. The dues of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge, have been regularly paid until the present year. The facts in relation to this Lodge and Bristol Lodge, as well as the condition of others to which Charters have been restored, suggest the question whether the further restoration of Charters is expedient. By our Constitution it is required that seven of the petitioners for the restoration of a Charter of a Lodge shall have been members at the time of its surrender: now, as the Charters in our archives were surrendered many years ago, the legal petitioners for their restoration must, in almost every case, be old and infirm men, and unfitted to re-establish a vigorous and prosperous Lodge; and this opinion is sustained by the statement received from Good Samaritan Lodge. It may properly be asked, why is the restoration of a Charter required at all, when a Charter for a new Lodge can be as readily obtained? The surrender of a Charter dishonors it: then, for what reason are Brethren sometimes so anxious to obtain one? It must be inferred that pecuniary considerations influence the choice. I would therefore recommend that a fee for restoring a Charter be established, equalling that charged for a new one. An arrangement so just, could afford no cause of complaint.

Meridian Sun Lodge, Brookfield; Harris Lodge, Templeton; Eden Lodge, Ware; and Doric Lodge, Southbridge, have had but a nominal existence for many years. Their names are still on the roll of the Grand Lodge and their erasure can be done only by your authority. In 1854, R. W. Horace Chenery, D. G. M. of the Sixth District, made the following endorsement on his return for that year, in relation to these Lodges—"Charters lost or returned to Grand Lodge."

Ascertaining that neither the Charters, records, nor any other property of either of these Lodges was in our archives, and that there was no evidence that either of them had ever surrendered any of its effects to the Grand Lodge, I directed D. D. Grand Master Henry Earl to visit the towns in which the Lodges were located, and by due inquiry to determine whether or not the missing Charters could be recovered. Through his praiseworthy efforts, I am enabled to report that the Charter and records of Meridian Sun Lodge were in possession of Bro.

Rufus Dodge, a worthy farmer eightyfour years of age, who cheerfully resigned his charge on learning that it was the request of the Grand Lodge that he should do so. No meeting of M. S. Lodge has been held since 1834.

The records of Harris Lodge are obtained, but its Charter cannot be found. The Lodge funds were divided among its members in 1834.

It is probable that the Charter, jewels, records and furniture of Eden Lodge were destroyed by fire many years ago, when its hall was burned.

With regard to Doric Lodge, Bro. Earl has made many inquiries and ascertained important facts; but, as yet, he has not succeeded in recovering its Charter or other property. He will continue his researches.

Dedication of Halls, Charters issued and Lodges constituted.

During the past year four Masonic halls have been dedicated, five Charters for Lodges issued and six Lodges constituted and consecrated, namely,

January 21. Dedication of the hall of Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, assisted by Brothers John H. Sheppard, J. G. W.; Charles W. Moore, R. G. S.; Wm. S. Gardner, G. M.; Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.; William W. Wheildon, G. S.; Jesse P. Pattee, G. P.; Benjamin F. Nourse, G. L.; and Eben F. Gay, G. T. The officers of the Lodge were installed by the G. M.

February 2. Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, constituted and consecrated, and its officers installed. Present, Brothers Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W.; J. H. Sheppard, J. G. W.; C. W. Moore, R. G. S.; Peter Wainwright, acting G. Tr.; Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.; Wm. W. Wheildon and W. D. Coolidge, G. Stewards; and E. F. Gay, G. T. Brother Levi Rawson, D. D. G. M. of the 4th District, was also present.

March 11. Issued the Charter for Paul Revere Lodge, North Bridgewater. This Lodge was constituted and consecrated on the 6th of April, with the assistance of the principal grand officers.

March 11. Executed the Charter of Revere Lodge, Boston, and constituted and consecrated it on the 27th March; the Grand Wardens and other grand officers assisting.

September 9. Charter issued to Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, and to Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston.

October 12. Wyoming Lodge constituted and consecrated, its officers installed, and its hall dedicated—all in ample form. The following

grand officers were present—Brothers Sheppard, Tolman, Moore, Gay lord, Wheildon, Pattee, Gregory and Gay.

October 15. Joseph Warren Lodge constituted and consecrated, and its officers installed. Those present, assisting, were Brothers Wales, Sheppard, Tolman, Moore, Warren, Wells, Gardner, Low, Wheildon, Pattee and Gay. R. W. Brother Wm. D. Coolidge, D. G. M. of 1st District, was also present.

November 9. Dedication of the new hall of Jordan Lodge, South Danvers, and installation of its officers—present with the Grand Master, Brothers Sheppard, Moore, Pickman, Low, Wheildon and Jones. R. W. Brother Seavey, D. G. M. of the 2d District, was also present.

December 9. Charter issued to Pequosette Lodge, Watertown.

December 23. Constituted and consecrated Pequosette Lodge, installed its officers, and dedicated its hall. Brothers Sheppard, Moore, Tolman, Coolidge, Wells, Wainwright, Jones, Wheildon and Pattee, assisted in the ceremonies.

Dispensations to form Lodges granted.

Five Dispensations to form Lodges have been granted. This power has been exercised only after thorough inquiry whether the qualifications of the petitioners entitled them to the important trust of founding a Masonic Lodge. If they were members of Lodges, reasonable evidence has been required to show whether they were in good standing as such; if not members, whether they had been honorably discharged from the Lodge with which they had been connected, and were otherwise reputable; and if they had not had affiliation, as members, with any Lodge, whether their character merited the privilege petitioned for. Their standing in general society has not been disregarded, it having been deemed necessary, in order to insure the success of a new Lodge, that its members should have the respect of their neighbors. Attention has also been given to the locality where the petitioners resided, that it might be determined whether the extent of population promised the means of supporting a healthy and influential Lodge. The Brethren to whom I have confided Dispensations are believed to be skilful workmen, and good men and true. The Lodges thus formed are,

May 8. Eureka Lodge, New Bedford. Petitioners, Timothy Ingraham, W. M.; Henry F. Thomas, S. W.; Isaac M. Richardson, J. W.; Stephen A. Tripp, Moses G. Thomas, Robert C. Topham, James C. Tripp, Benjamin Russell, Moses H. Bliss, and George H. Taber. Recommended by Star-in-the-East Lodge.

August 27. Mount Vernon Lodge, Malden. Petitioners, Benjamin G. Hill, W. M.; Henry Crehore, S. W.; Charles Hill, J. W.; Charles Lewis, Thomas Tuffs, James Bartlett, Edward D. Bell, Solomon Cruse, William C. Brooks, Francis Morandi, Tappen Sargent, and George G. Hill.

October 21. John Abbot Lodge, Somerville. Petitioners, F. L. Raymond, W. M.; Joel F. Thayer, S. W.; James A. Bugbee, T. J. Leland, James M. Shute, George O. Brastow, Isaac Story, R. E. Demmon, Benjamin Woodard, Charles E. Gilman, John K. Hall, Thomas H. Lord, W. H. Sanders, Enoch Robinson, and Isaac F. Sheppard. Recommended by King Solomon and Putnam Lodges.

November 4. Berkshire Lodge, Adams, South Village. Petitioners, Daniel Upton, W. M.; F. O. Sayles, S. W.; H. M. Holmes, J. W.; Arnold Brayton, Edwin F. Jenks, Isaac Dean and Anthony Barton. Recommended by Lafayette Lodge of Adams, North Village.

December 15. "Hiram Lodge, of Copiapo," Copiapo, Chili, South America, on the petition of Joseph Y. Brower, A. C. Brower, Edmund Kendall, William Reay, Jr., Marc Henry Gaillard, Henry M. Caldwell, and George R. Stevenson. Recommended by Bethesda Lodge, Valparaiso, 23d Sept., 1857, and by R. W. Charles T. Ward, Jr., Special Deputy, residing at Valparaiso.

The Dispensation granted to form Star-of-the-South Lodge, Concepcion, South America, has been returned, some of the petitioners preferring to connect themselves with existing Lodges, rather than to establish a new one.

Initiations and Memberships.

By the returns recently received by the Grand Treasurer, it appears that the chartered Lodges initiated, from September 1, 1856, to September 1, 1857, 995 persons, and five Lodges under Dispensation initiated 97,—making a total of initiations of 1,092. The labors of Lodges under Dispensation from which no returns have been received, and from which no returns are required until after they have severally worked one year, would increase this number of initiates to a small extent. A table has been prepared presenting in a concise and convenient form the amount of work performed during the year by each Lodge, and the number of members of each Lodge on the first of September, 1857. The whole number of Brethren in affiliation with the Lodges in this Jurisdiction on that date, was 5,320. It is intended to include this table in the printed abstract of our proceedings of the past year. I regret to add, that several Lodges have not punctually

observed their duty in making their returns, causing the grand officers, who require the information they contain for official purposes, much inconvenience.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

At the commencement of the last year an additional Masonic District was formed, making the number of Districts eleven. Owing to the increase of Lodges in Boston and its immediate vicinity, still another District has become necessary, and our Jurisdiction, within the limits of Massachusetts, is now divided into twelve Districts. The two Special Deputies, one for Nantucket, and the other for Provincetown, will not be re-appointed, they being deemed no longer necessary. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters to the Grand Master, afford much satisfactory and useful information in relation to their respective Districts, and if printed with our proceedings will have a beneficial influence. These officers merit the highest commendation for the fidelity and ability with which they have discharged the duties entrusted to them. It is now fiftyfour years since the District system was established, and at no time has its advantages been more apparent than at present. The services of a Special Deputy will still be required at Valparaiso, South America, and the Brother who has so satisfactorily filled the office for several years, will be continued in it.

Voters in Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Lodge consists, at this moment, of three hundred and thirtythree voters. This number is derived as follows, namely—

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| Permanent Members, thirtyfive, two of whom are now elected officers, | 33 |
| Elected officers, | 5 |
| Appointed officers of Grand Lodge, | 16 |
| District Deputy Grand Masters, | 12 |
| Masters and Wardens of chartered Lodges in Massachusetts,(88) | 264 |
| Masters and Wardens of Bethesda Lodge, Valparaiso, South America, | 3 |
| Whole number of voters, | <hr/> 333 |

The attendance at our Communications, though improving in number, is not so large as the important duties that devolve upon us demand. At the Quarterly Communication for this month, there were present at the hour of election of officers, only one hundred and three voters, or less than one-third of the whole number. Is it not a dereliction of duty for a Lodge to fail to participate in our transactions? In

a great measure, the welfare of the Order in this Commonwealth depends upon your action; through your regulations and choice of grand officers are to be ascribed the state of discipline and degree of happiness existing in the institutions under your control. But your labors are not limited to affairs internal to our Jurisdiction; they extend in their effects far beyond our borders, and affect more or less the great brotherhood. Regulations relating to inter-communication between this and other Jurisdictions for the preservation of the rights of all, and securing free and cordial intercourse among the Brethren generally, are established by Grand Lodges as among the foremost of their Masonic obligations. Hence, how necessary is it that every Lodge should be here represented.

Visits of Grand Master.

Since I assumed the duties of this office, twelve months ago, I have visited all of the eighty-eight chartered Lodges situate within the bounds of this State, and, also, one (Eureka,) of the four now existing therein by my authority as your Grand Master. The other three of this latter class have been established so recently, that my visits to them can be advantageously deferred to a later time. The opportunity thus afforded to me of knowing the condition and wants of the Lodges, will not, it is hoped, be without benefit in the administration of affairs. By it, I have been enabled to make the personal acquaintance of some of the officers and members of every Lodge; to notice every Lodge-room and its decorations; the mode of work to some extent; and to become acquainted with the views and spirit by which our Brethren are actuated. The knowledge of the location of each Lodge in respect to the population surrounding it, and consequently of the field it possesses from which it may gather new members, will not be without advantage in determining whether any ill-success that may attend it, is attributable to internal or external causes. These visits have enabled me personally to address some members of every Lodge on subjects of local interest and of concern to the universal brotherhood. In the pursuance of this undertaking I have travelled twenty-one hundred and four miles—by railroad fifteen hundred and twenty-two miles, by horse conveyance five hundred and five miles, and by steamboats seventy-seven miles;—and have addressed in the aggregate about twenty-five hundred members of our Order. Memoranda of these visits are deposited in the office of the Recording Grand Secretary. By all the Lodges I have been received with the respect due to my office, while to many of them, as well as to many Brethren, individually, am I personally indebted for kind attentions and generous hospitality.

Work and Lectures.

Soon after I had commenced visiting the Lodges, it became apparent to me that some of them were sustaining a mode of work contrary to that established by this Grand Lodge, while others were entirely unskilled in any work whatever which bore any but the most distant resemblance to what would be recognized by a bright Freemason. In some places, the deviations from our regulations were attributable to the influence of "old Masons," and in others, to adoptions from practices said to prevail in other jurisdictions, in violation of Sec. 5, Part Fifth, of our Constitutions, which is as follows, viz.:—"No Lodge shall encourage, promote, or permit, the delivery of any Masonic lectures, which have not been sanctioned and authorized by the Grand Lodge. Nor shall any Mason be permitted to deliver such lectures under this jurisdiction." The same authority declares (Sec. 9, Article I, Part Fourth,) that "all Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs. Every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and ought not to be countenanced;" and again it declares, that "it shall be the duty of the Master and Wardens to qualify themselves in the work and lectures, sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, that they may be enabled to instruct their respective Lodges." Deeming it very important that these irregularities should be speedily corrected, I decided to bring into requisition at once the services of lecturers for the purpose. Such were the engagements of the Senior Grand Lecturer that his assistance could not be obtained; and so great was the labor to be performed, that the Junior Grand Lecturer could not accomplish it within the period which I thought desirable. I therefore appointed two Special Grand Lecturers to aid in the undertaking. The Junior Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. Benjamin F. Nourse, and one of the Special Lecturers, W. Bro. Caleb Rand, entered upon the performance of the duties assigned to them at the close of August, and the other Special Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Seavey, early in September; and they have continued to lecture, with short intermissions, until the present time. The number of Lodges which they have visited and instructed beyond the limits of Boston, is fortyfour. By the reports of the Lecturers it will be seen that instruction was greatly needed by many Lodges, and that a much longer delay in communicating it to them, would have been attended with the most evil consequences. The Senior Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. William C. Martin, reports favorably as to the condition of the nine Lodges which meet at the Masonic Temple, in this city. It is my desire to render every Lodge perfect in the work and lectures of

this Grand Lodge, by the means now exercised. It is attended with considerable expense, but it is my judgment that no appropriation of money from the general fund for any other purpose, would be productive of so many benefits to the fraternity, in general, as that which may be necessary to establish uniformity in our "usages and customs." The Lodges ought not, however, to subject the Grand Lodge to expenses for lecturers when they have the ability to pay for their services themselves, or when they can obtain instruction at little pains and gratuitously from other well informed Brethren; and especially no Lodge in the neighborhood of Boston should do it, so long as the excellent Lodge of Instruction,—which meets in this Temple by your authority, and to which all worthy Masons can have access,—shall be continued.

Proficiency of Candidates.

The nominal, or "suitable proficiency" as it is called, demanded of candidates in the several stages of their advancement is not what is necessary in justice to them and for the interests and reputation of our Order in this Commonwealth. Every Lodge capable to instruct thoroughly, should require real proficiency of every candidate, step by step, as a condition of his advancement. The enforcement of such a rule would do much to elevate, strengthen and harmonize our society.

Qualifications of Candidates and objects of Freemasonry.

As the welfare and permanency of our institution depend upon the good character of its members, I cannot refrain from the expression of a fear that sufficient discrimination is not always exercised in respect to candidates. It has not escaped my observation that there is too great laxity by the committees of inquiry in their investigations, and that the duties reposed in them is often looked upon by them rather as a matter of form than as the most responsible which we are called upon to perform; and therefore it sometimes occurs, in contravention of our rules, that a candidate is "balloted for, into whose moral character a strict inquiry has not been made." The utmost vigilance should be exerted in the inquiry; which should extend, not alone over a few months or years of his life, but from his youth up. And that should not be deemed a sufficient investigation which elicits nothing unfavorable to his reputation merely; it should not cease until the most satisfactory evidences are obtained that he is affirmatively and positively a moral man. But the moral qualification of an applicant for the privileges of Freemasonry is not the only one which he must

possess ; for, as it is one of our objects " to cultivate the social virtues," it is necessary that he should be companionable, and readily disposed to mix in friendly and fraternal intercourse with our members. One of the Constitutions of our Order declares that no person shall be admitted a member of it unless he be of " good report ; of sufficient natural endowments, and the senses of a man ; with an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some visible way of acquiring an honest livelihood, and of working in his Craft, as becomes the members of this most ancient and honorable Fraternity, who ought, not only to earn what is sufficient for themselves and families, but likewise something to spare for works of charity, and supporting the true dignity of the royal Craft." And again the same authority asserts that " No Brother shall propose, for admission into this ancient and honorable society, any person, through friendship or partiality, who does not possess the moral and social virtues, a sound head and a good heart ; and who has not an entire exemption from all those ill qualities and vices which would bring dishonor on the Craft."

To strike out the social and fraternal characteristics of our institution, and to limit its action to the relief of physical want, would render it unworthy of preservation ; for as an instrument of collecting and dispensing poor-funds it is too costly and elaborate. Indeed, I may with justice remark that, judging by returns which I have received recently from the Lodges in our Jurisdiction, the amount paid out from their treasuries in 1856 for relief, was not probably one-fourth of that expended for other purposes. That learned and zealous Freemason, Dr. Oliver, thus negatives the opinion which some persons entertain that we are a charitable society, in the popular acceptance of that term : " The tendency of Freemasonry is sometimes mistaken, not only by the uninitiated, but also by many of those who have been superficially instructed in its mysteries. One considers it to be an institution formed for the purposes of benevolence, that, through its medium, the sick may be visited, the destitute relieved, the widow comforted, and the aged placed in a situation where want can never more afflict them : But this design, how amiable and praiseworthy soever it may be, is only one of the purposes of Freemasonry ; and if, as this class of Brethren suppose, it were confined to these charitable ends, it would rank merely on a level with a common Friendly Society, or Sick Club."

We are called a " universal brotherhood ;" and it may be questioned whether through a misunderstanding of the term we have not impaired our prosperity and influence. Has not the idea which the term

suggests led us to open our portals too readily and widely? Men of "every country, sect and opinion," we would accept as Brethren : but surely not *all* men of every country, sect and opinion ; for if so, we should remove our barriers and obliterate the forms and ceremonies which distinguish us as a brotherhood. The word universal is applied to our society as embracing men "of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages," who possess the Masonic standard of character. To render it more universal, would deprive it of its usefulness and eventually cause its destruction. But if we admit to our membership none but good men and true, men of honor and honesty, and practice faithfully according to our principles, our Order will not only advance the happiness of its members, but will confer blessings upon society generally.

Dispensations for Degrees.

The power of Dispensation, by which the terms of probation that our regulations require of candidates, may be intermitted, should be most rarely exercised. To dispense with the time that should be devoted to the investigation of character, is, of course, a more serious and responsible act than that of dispensing with the intervals of time required, subsequently, in the course of advancement, from one step to another, in the knowledge of our art. There can seldom occur a case entitled to so great a privilege as that first referred to, and it should never be allowed, except when it promises some signal advantage to the fraternity. During the past year, the granting of Dispensations of the kind under consideration, has been discouraged, and I am pleased to state with much success. Our Constitutions declare that the District Deputy Grand Masters "shall have power to grant Dispensations for initiation," which declaration, if it be intended to enable them to exercise it independently of the Grand Master, is an infringement of his ancient prerogative. By the general regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1720, this power rests with the "Grand Master or his Deputy ;" but in all things, excepting during the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy could act only as the former should require or depute him to act. The Deputy was the assistant of the Grand Master, and entirely under his direction, and if he discharged any duty, or exercised any of the authority of the Grand Master, it was by his direction. It seems to me that it would be more in accordance with the ancient rights of the chief officer of our Order, if the provision now cited from our Constitutions, should be so amended as to leave it optional with him to depute the privilege of granting Dispensations, or not, as he should deem proper.

Visitors.

I have availed myself of the opportunity which my visits to our Lodges afforded, to bring to their notice the regulation of this Grand Lodge in relation to visitors from the Jurisdiction of New York, adopted December 14, 1853, by which such visitors shall, previously to their examination, furnish to the examining Committee of the Lodge they desire to visit, a Diploma, or Certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signature of its Grand Secretary, that they were regularly made Masons and that they are now in good standing as such. This requirement does not appear to have been known to much extent, and there is reason to believe that much visiting has taken place in violation of its provisions. But if it should be enforced, it could not of itself entirely effect the purpose for which it was designed; for a person from New York without a certificate, has only to feign to belong to another Jurisdiction, to gain admission by examination. No good and true man would practice such duplicity; but men of an opposite character might do so, and hence means should be applied to prevent it. Let a certificate like that referred to, be demanded of all visitors who cannot be vouched for either as being regular Masons, or, if not known as such, as being citizens of another Jurisdiction. In the latter case the usual examination might suffice. But in view of the large number of improper persons from all jurisdictions, expelled Masons and others, who possess the qualifications to pass through the usual examination successfully, it may seriously be considered whether the interests of our institution do not render necessary a regulation like that you have adopted in reference to visitors from New York, which shall be applicable to all visitors. Some Brethren erroneously hold to the opinion that such a requirement, would be a violation of the Masonic privileges. The Grand Lodge of England in 1663, established the regulation that "No person, who shall be accepted a Freemason, shall be admitted into any Lodge, until he has brought a certificate of the time and place of his acceptance, from the Master of the limit where he was made, and the Lodge kept." The Master of every Lodge promises at the time of his installation, in the language of the ancient charge, "that no visitors shall be received into his Lodge without due examination and producing vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular Lodge." Modern authorities are equally explicit on this point. Morris, in his Code of Masonic Law, says that "It is more appropriate to the genius of Masonry that eleven worthy Masons should be rejected at the doors of a Lodge, than that one unworthy visitor should be admitted. But the social and

hospitable feeling of the Masonic Brotherhood incline them too often to reverse the figures." In a lecture delivered at Dublin, January 5, 1857, by the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, John Fitzhenry Townsend, L. L. D., is this cogent and appropriate passage: "As it is not only the Master's privilege but also his duty to rule the Lodge, none are permitted to enter it as visitors but by his permission, since he is responsible for the conduct of the assembly. At the very last Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, this subject was discussed, and the resolution unanimously passed, was—That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is in the power of the W. Master and Wardens of any private Lodge, to refuse admission to any visitor of known bad character. But, irrespectively of character, whoever claims to be present at a Masonic meeting must, if a Mason, be perfectly well aware that he is bound to satisfy the Master and Brethren as to his qualifications. The Master has a right to demand all the evidences of a visitor's right to admission—the production of his certificate—the proof of his being what he asserts himself to be, and any other test that he can devise. I can speak confidently on this head, as the decision of our own Grand Lodge has recently settled the question, that the admission of a visitor is not a matter of right. It is, of course, disagreeable to reject any one professing to be a Brother; but it is better that many true Masons should go away disappointed from our doors, than that one unauthorized person should gain admittance there."

It is for you to determine whether further regulations are needed on this subject, or whether the powers of the Grand Master are already adequate to prevent the entrance of improper persons into our assemblies.

Celebration on Bunker Hill.

In compliance with the invitation of the President of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, (R. W. Brother George W. Warren,) which you had accepted, Masonic rites, adapted to the inauguration of a statue erected in honor of General Joseph Warren, were performed, in connexion with other ceremonies, on the battle ground in Charlestown, on the seventeenth of June last. There was great appropriateness in our Order's taking a part on the occasion, it being designed to commemorate the bravery and patriotism of one who was, during his entire manhood, an active and zealous Freemason, and was, at the time of his death, the highest officer in our institution. There were present about one thousand Brethren, representing various societies,

among which were twentyfour of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Through the politeness of R. W. Daniel Harwood, the Grand Master of Knights Templars, this Grand Lodge was honored with the tender of an escort from his command, consisting of the Boston Encampment, Pilgrim Encampment, of Lowell, and delegations from the Springfield, and other Encampments. This noble body of men, about one hundred and fifty in number, were led by Sir John McClellan, the Deputy G. Master of the Grand Encampment. A body-guard for this Grand Lodge was detailed and placed under the direction of Sir John K. Hall. The great indebtedness felt by me for the many services rendered to us by the Encampments, induced me to make it the subject of a note of thanks which I addressed to their Grand Master. The arrangements of the day terminated successfully, and afforded general satisfaction.

24th of June.

The Grand Officers united with our Brethren of Rhode Island in the celebration of St. John's Day—the 24th of June last—at Providence. An address was delivered by R. W. George M. Randall, which ably and in an interesting manner presented the history of Freemasonry in that State. To the De Molay Encampment of Boston, which was present, are your Grand Officers under obligations for kind attentions and generous entertainment.

By-Laws of Lodges.

During the year, I have examined the By-Laws of about forty Lodges. In some of them, I have recommended alterations which would make them more conformable to Masonic usage. About two-thirds of the Lodges elect their officers in November and December; and, in order that the yearly organization of every Lodge might conform more nearly to that of the Grand Lodge, as to time, it is desirable that the choice of officers should take place in one of those two months.

Printing Records of Grand Lodge.

On the expediency of printing our Records, to which I invited your attention in December last, the committee to whom my address was referred have reported adversely. They object to the measure—*first*, because the advantages would be disproportioned to the cost; *secondly*, because the records are not intended for public inspection, would not interest the general reader, and, being in the hands of our enemies, might be used to our hurt; *thirdly*, that "our treasury is not in a con-

dition to respond to so large a draft as would be required to complete a work of this magnitude ;" and, *fourthly*, that "our funds are sacredly dedicated to the poor and indigent, and cannot rightfully be applied to any purpose which has not this object distinctly in view." The objections of the committee have received my respectful consideration, but have failed to convince me that the printing of our records is improper or inexpedient. As I still view the work proposed as one calculated to benefit our Order, I beg to notice the reasons contained in the report of the committee unfavorable thereto.

It is said that the advantages would be disproportioned to the cost : what would be the advantages ? The diffusion among the Fraternity of the knowledge of the origin and early career of Freemasonry in America ; of much of its history here for a century and a quarter ; and of the evidences of steady persistence in maintaining and carrying out, in adversity and prosperity, our benevolent principles, by noble men whose deeds and names ought not to be forgotten, are among some of the benefits which will be secured by the publication suggested. Freemasonry in Massachusetts has a brilliant and instructive history ; and the examples it affords ought to be carried into every Lodge in our Commonwealth. Not a mere transcript of the records is what I would recommend, for much that is in them would be useless. The records alone would not give all the material, but there should be interwoven into them valuable documents which are upon our files, something of cotemporaneous history and of biographical interest. The biographies of Price, Warren and Cutler, which are a part of the appendix to our new edition of the Constitutions, and for which we are indebted to the labors of our learned Brother, Charles W. Moore, show what may be produced from our records and other materials now accessible to us, by skilful hands. But the foundation of these valuable personal histories was obtained from the records ; and had these not been preserved, nearly all that we now know of the Masonic relations of these Grand Masters, could not have been written. Let the cumbrous manuscript volumes which contain the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be now destroyed, a full, authentic and faithful account of our institution in Massachusetts and in America, can never be given. This consideration, alone, would point to the measure of printing, as recommended, as an advantage which no intelligent Mason would disregard. Did the abstract of our proceedings, now published annually and embracing nearly all that would interest the Masonic reader, go back to 1733, the present question of printing would not probably exist. But unfortunately, until within a few years, it has not

given our transactions that fulness which a proper knowledge of them required. In the edition of our Constitutions published in 1798, is a meagre historical record of the Saint John's Grand Lodge, Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and of the United Grand Lodge, which reflects so little of what we feel assured must have been the character and influence of our society during the important period to which it relates, that I may, without injustice, pronounce it as unworthy to be called its history. From 1798 to 1830, there is, in printed form, scarcely a trace of the doings of our Brethren to be found. Subsequently, we begin to see detached accounts of Lodges and of this body in Brother Moore's Magazine; but we look in vain for any connected and regular recital of their proceedings. Now, the printing of our records will supply many of these deficiencies, and give us, in a convenient form, the means of obtaining a better knowledge than we now have of the acts of our predecessors. Advantages so great, would justify much cost to secure them. The committee do not, however, estimate the cost; nor do I deem it important that they did not. From about ninety Lodges, and over five thousand Masons in this jurisdiction, a subscription list would be formed adequate to sustain the work without help from the treasury of the Grand Lodge. As a private undertaking, it would, most probably, be amply remunerative, especially as then efforts would be made to increase the subscriptions beyond our jurisdiction.

It is objected that "the records are not intended for public inspection, would not interest the general reader, and, being in the hands of our enemies, might be used to our hurt." In the enunciation of these sentiments, the committee appear to have been controlled by fears similar to those which actuated our English Brethren to destroy valuable records lest they might be seen by the uninitiated. In 1718 it was proposed to compile for publication the history, charges, regulations, &c., of England, and the Grand Master "desired any Brethren to bring to the Grand Lodge any old writings and records concerning Masons and Masonry, in order to show the usages of ancient times;" and it is related that in 1719, "at some private Lodges, several very valuable manuscripts (for they had nothing yet in print) concerning the Fraternity, their Lodges, Regulations, Charges, Secrets and Usages, (particularly one writ by Mr. Nicholas Stone, the Warden of Inigo Jones,) were too hastily burnt by some scrupulous Brothers, that those papers might not fall into strange hands." It is lamentable that our trans-Atlantic Brethren had so little confidence in the discernment and prudence of their Grand Lodge; for had it been otherwise, much of the history of our Order would have been preserved that is

now irrevocably lost. Let us profit by this untoward example, and not neglect that which our successors could rightly claim of us as our duty. I propose not to invade the arcana of Freemasonry, nor to place ourselves in the slightest degree in the power of our enemies, if we have any; on the contrary, I advocate the doing of that which will, while we preserve our mysteries intact, cement together and strengthen the Fraternity and render us impregnable against the assaults of adversaries. I recommended that "the work should be given to a competent and discreet editor;" and if entrusted to such a person—a Brother selected by authority of this Grand Lodge—there can be no doubt that our interests and safety will be scrupulously regarded and protected.

Again the committee object that the means in our treasury will not warrant so great an outlay as the work proposed would require. There having been no estimate made as to the expenditure requisite, it is difficult to determine this point, even if the whole of it were to be defrayed from our funds and no part of it to be contributed by subscribers. But I will venture to predict that the receipt of the treasury for the present year, beyond the amount of our current expenses, will more than equal the entire cost of publication; and should doubts be entertained as to the suitableness of an appropriation for such a purpose, I would ask whether it would not be as productive of good to the institution as rich regalia and costly pageants? I do not disparage the application of our money for decoration and reasonable Masonic display; but wish to direct attention to a comparison of the advantages to be derived from them, with those to be realized from an authentic exposition of the labors of the Craft during a most interesting period of its existence.

The last objection of the committee is that which declares that our funds are sacredly dedicated to the poor and indigent. To this proposition I beg to dissent most emphatically. Having already expressed my views as to the nature and objects of our institution, I will only observe here, that though it is benevolent in its intentions, and seeks to ensure morality among its members, its high object or distinguishing characteristic is to cultivate the social virtues and bring mankind together in the bonds of brotherhood. Every thing that will tend to increase its social condition should be made subservient to that end. If, therefore, the opening of the pages of our past, and presenting the virtues thereon recorded, as examples to our Brethren of to-day and their successors, will contribute to that cementation which will unite them "into one sacred band, or society of friends and

Brothers," any means that we can command to effect an object so desirable, will not be misapplied.

Visit to the Grave of the first Grand Master.

By invitation of Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg, I installed its officers, assisted by the Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, on the 28th of September last. On the following day, through the kindness of the Lodge, the Grand Wardens, R. Grand Secretary and myself were conveyed to Townsend, eight miles distant, where is the burial place of our first Grand Master, Henry Price. The last survivor of his family, Mr. William Wallace, kindly received us, and directed us to the grave of his ancestor. It is in the old grave-yard of the town, and indicated by a large slate tablet, placed at its head, bearing the epitaph which is familiar to you. The tablet wears the destructive marks of time, and cannot remain entire many years longer. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge obtain the charge and control of this sacred spot, and that it erect thereon, at no remote day, a monument commemorative of the relations which existed between the deceased and our ancient fraternity.

Correspondence.

I lay before you a correspondence that recently passed between the Grand Master of England and myself. His letter will be read with pleasure, as it shows that our eminent Brother has lost none of that regard for our Order, which he has manifested by his labors to promote its honor and usefulness during so many years.

A printed Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to the formation of a General Grand Lodge for the United States, I have caused to be placed on file in the office of the Recording G. Secretary. This subject has so recently received your attention and been so wisely disposed of, that you will probably deem any further action in relation to it unnecessary at this time.

A short time ago, I received a letter from a highly respectable source—from a Brother in Buenos Ayres—giving an historical account of Freemasonry in that country and of its present condition there. This paper is also on file in the Secretary's office.

Grand Feast.

I had intended to have ordered a "Grand Feast" on this memorable day, in compliance with the command given to our first Grand Master, and with an ancient custom of the Craft; but, owing to the depressing

influences under which our community is now suffering, it was thought advisable not to attempt its re-establishment at this time. I still hold to the opinion, however, that the occasion that brings us together at this season would be more attractive and beneficial by connecting with it moderate festivity.

The year now terminated has been one of so much activity in our jurisdiction that I have often had need of the counsel and assistance of my associates in office, which they have at all times rendered with alacrity. To none have I been more largely indebted for support than to the Grand Wardens, for which I tender to them my sincerest thanks. The punctuality and fidelity with which they have performed their duties afford an example to the younger members of our institution worthy of imitation. As permanent members in this body, which they now are, we may hope that we shall long enjoy the benefit of their wisdom and experience.

I now declare this Grand Lodge duly organized for another year : during that period may "neither envy, discord, nor confusion, interrupt or disturb the peace and good fellowship" which should prevail within our borders.

At the conclusion of the Address, the R. W. Brother Randall offered the following Vote :—

Voted, That so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the restoration of Charters, be referred to a committee—

Which was adopted, and referred to Brothers Randall, Robbins and Gardner.

On motion of the same R. W. Brother, it was

Voted, That the correspondence with the Grand Master of England, referred to in the Address, be entered upon the Record and published with the Proceedings.

The correspondence is as follows :—

Office of the Grand Master of Freemasons in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, MAY 19, 1857.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Right Honorable Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, and Baron Dundas.

Permit me to congratulate you that you have again been installed into the high office in Freemasonry which you have so long filled and adorned ; and I would also congratulate the Brethren within your Jurisdiction, that they will continue to enjoy the services of one who has ever

manifested the warmest regard for their honor and welfare, and presided over their affairs with distinguished ability and success.

That portion of the Fraternity over whom I have the honor to preside, watch the deliberations and proceedings of their Brethren in England, and especially the transactions of your Grand Lodge—which we recognize as the parent body of our Order in America—with unabating interest, and view with undiminished satisfaction the fidelity with which our principles and ancient landmarks are there guarded and preserved.

Flattering ourselves that you, Most Worshipful, are not unmindful or uninterested in the progress and welfare of your trans-Atlantic Brethren, I am induced to transmit to you a copy of a new edition of our Constitutions, which I beg you will accept, that you may see what are the rules and regulations by which we are governed, and be enabled thereby to judge whether or not we are faithfully fulfilling the mission which, more than one hundred and twenty years ago, was confided to our forefathers by one of your illustrious predecessors.

I have the honor to be most respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN T. HEARD,

Grand Master of Massachusetts.

Freemasons' Hall, London, Nov. 14th, 1857.

M. W. and Dear Brother,—I beg you to accept my best thanks for your kind congratulations on my reinstatement to the High Office of Grand Master of England.

Sincerely attached to our venerable Order, an attachment increased by the recollection that my father and grandfather had held high office in the Craft since a period approaching to half a century, and that I was elected to succeed that Illustrious Brother, His late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, whose intimate knowledge of the principles and interest of the Craft, and whose untiring exertions in superintending and carrying on its working and operations for more than thirty years, placed him pre-eminently amongst the great patrons of our Order, I cannot but feel proud of the confidence reposed in me by the Freemasons of England.

I should indeed be wanting in every generous sentiment were I not to use my best exertions, feeble as they may be, to sustain in all their purity, those great principles of universal charity, untainted by anything akin to sectarian feeling, and to preserve intact our Ancient Landmarks.

These have been the guides of the Grand Masters of England at all times, and they have rejoiced in lending a helping hand wherever their aid was sought, in extending the influence of genuine Freemasonry.

It is to me a great gratification, and will be equally so to the Grand Lodge of England, to know that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts lends its powerful aid in sustaining unimpaired the base of our noble fabric.

Again personally thanking you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for

your fraternal greeting, I beg you to accept the assurance of the high consideration and regard with which I have the pleasure to subscribe myself

Your faithful Brother,

ZETLAND, *Grand Master of England.*

To the M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts.

On motion of R. W. Brother Pickman, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the R. W. Grand Wardens and other retiring officers, for their faithful services the past year.

The following Vote, offered by R. W. Brother Wright, was also unanimously adopted :—

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Worshipful Brothers Martin and Nourse, Grand Lecturers, for their correct and impressive exposition of the Work and Lectures, this day.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Brother Flint.

Erratum. In the statement of the number of voters in the Grand Lodge, the Committee of Finance, consisting of three, was omitted. The whole number of voters is therefore three hundred and thirtysix. See page 41.

VISITS OF THE GRAND MASTER IN 1857.

Embracing all the Chartered Lodges in Massachusetts, and one under Dispensation.

January 1, 1857. Columbian Lodge, Boston. Present 35 members and 15 visitors.

January 21. Morning Star Lodge, Worcester. Dedication of Hall and Installation of Officers.

February 2. Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone. Constitution of Lodge; Installation of Officers, and Dedication of Hall.

March 27. Revere Lodge, Boston. Constitution and Consecration of the Lodge, and Installation of its Officers.

March 30. Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston. Present 35 members.

April 6. Paul Revere Lodge, North Bridgewater. Constitution and Consecration of the Lodge, and Installation of its Officers. The Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers present.

May 5. St. John's Lodge, Boston, in upper hall of Masonic Temple.

May 5. Revere Lodge, Boston, in lower hall of Masonic Temple.

May 7. Columbian Lodge, Boston. Present 50 members and 51 visitors.

May 12. King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown.

May 14. Washington Lodge, Roxbury.

May 18. Massachusetts Lodge, Boston.

May 25. Germania Lodge, Boston. Business meeting.

May 26. Joseph Warren Lodge, (U. D.), Boston. Work on second and third.

May 27. Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Chelsea.

June 2. Baalbec Lodge, East Boston. Work on the third.

June 4. Amicable Lodge, Cambridgeport. Present Brothers Hews, Paige, Keith, Nourse, &c.

June 29. Fraternal Lodge, Barnstable, (Hyannis.) Work on the second. Present Brother Baxter, D. D. G. M., and 37 Brethren.

June 30. Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich. Present 15 Brethren.

July 1. King Hiram Lodge, Provincetown. Present 27 Brethren.

July 3. Benjamin Franklin Lodge, West Dennis. Present Br. Baxter, D. D. G. M., and 10 Brethren.

July 4. Union Lodge Nantucket. Present Brother Brown, Special Deputy, and 27 Brethren.

July 10. Star in the East Lodge, New Bedford, at 8 P. M. Present Brother Taber, D. D. G. M., and 38 Brethren.

July 10. Eureka Lodge, (U. D.,) New Bedford, at quarter-past 9, P. M. Present 16 Brethren.

July 11. Marine Lodge, Falmouth, at 3, P. M. Present 12 Brethren.

July 11. De Witt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich, at 8, P. M. Present 30 Brethren, among whom were first three officers of Social Harmony Lodge.

July 12. Social Harmony Lodge, Wareham. Met in Lodge room at 8, P. M., with three officers and two members. It being Sunday, the Lodge was not convened.

August 4. Thomas Lodge, Palmer, at 3, P. M. Present 8 members. This Lodge was formerly in Munson. The Constitutions, Bible, Square, Compass, &c., were presented to the Lodge by Past Grand Master Isaiah Thomas.

August 4. Hampden Lodge, Springfield, at 8, P. M. Present Brother Reynolds, D. D. G. M., and 40 Brethren.

August 5. Chicopee Lodge, Chicopee, at 3, P. M. Regular meeting. Present 15 Brethren.

August 5. Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, at 8, P. M. Regular meeting. Present 25 Brethren.

August 6. Mystic Lodge, Pittsfield, at 3, P. M. Present 12 Brethren.

August 6. Evening Star Lodge, Lee, at half past 8, P. M. Present 15 Brethren. Temporary Lodge-room—the hall having been destroyed by fire.

August 7. Cincinnatus Lodge, Sheffield, at 3, P. M. Present 12 Brethren. This Lodge has since been removed to Great Barrington.

August 7. Wisdom Lodge, West Stockbridge, at 8, P. M. Present 12 Brethren.

August 8. Lafayette Lodge, North Adams, at 8, P. M. Present 16 Brethren.

August 10. Mountain Lodge, Shelburne Falls, at half-past 8, A. M. Present 25 Brethren.

August 10. Harmony Lodge, Northfield, at half-past 3, P. M. Present 10 Brethren.

August 10. Republican Lodge, Greenfield, at three-quarters past 7, P. M. Work on the third. Present 35 Brethren.

August 11. Jerusalem Lodge, Northampton, at 3, P. M. Present 41 Brethren.

August 11. Mount Tom Lodge, Holyoke, at 8, P. M. Present 22 members and 8 visitors.

August 12. Mount Zion Lodge, Barre, at 3, P. M. Present 10 Brethren. A new and commodious Lodge-room has since been provided.

August 24. Tyrian Lodge, Gloucester, at 9, P. M. Present Brother Seavey, D. D. G. M., Br. Wheildon, G. S., and 41 Brethren.

August 25. Ashler Lodge, Rockport, at 10, A. M. Present Br. Wheildon, G. S., Br. Babson of Tyrian Lodge, and 10 Brethren.

September 2. Orphan's Hope Lodge, East Weymouth, at 20 minutes past 7, P. M. Installed Officers. Present Brother Keith, D. D. G. M., and 35 Brethren.

September 2. Old Colony Lodge, Hingham, 20 minutes past 9, P. M. Present 26 members.

September 4. Corner Stone Lodge, Duxbury, at 20 minutes past 5, P. M. Present 15 Brethren.

September 4. Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth, at half-past 8, P. M. Present 20 Brethren.

September 28. St. Paul's Lodge, Groton, at half-past 2, P. M. Present Brother Wales, S. G. W., and 13 Brethren.

September 28. Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg, at half-past 7, P. M. Present 40 Brethren and their ladies, besides Brothers Wales, S. G. W., Sheppard, J. G. W., Moore, R. G. S. and Wheildon, G. S. Installation of Officers.

September 29. Corinthian Lodge, Concord, at quarter-past 5, P. M. Present 17 Brethren.

September 29. Monitor Lodge, Waltham, at 8, P. M. Present 30 Brethren.

September 30. Meridian Lodge, Natick, at quarter-past 6, P. M. Present Brother Rawson, D. D. G. M., and 35 Brethren.

September 30. Middlesex Lodge, Framingham, at 20 minutes past 8, P. M. Present Brothers Rawson, D. D. G. M., Dean, P. G. M., Train, P. J. G. W., and 25 Brethren.

October 1. Franklin Lodge, Grafton, at half-past 10, A. M. Present Brother Rawson, D. D. G. M., and 17 Brethren.

October 1. Solomon's Temple Lodge, Uxbridge, at half-past 3, P. M. Present 4 Brethren, viz :—3 Master Masons and 1 F. Craft.

October 1. Montgomery Lodge, Milford, at half-past 7, P. M. Present Brother Rawson, D. D. G. M., and 40 Brethren. Master absent.

October 2. Olive Branch Lodge, Sutton, at quarter-past 2, P. M. Present 17 Brethren. Master absent. This Lodge meets alternately at Sutton and Webster.

October 2. Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, at 8, P. M. Present Brother Earl, D. D. G. M., and 37 Brethren.

October 8. St. Alban's Lodge, Foxboro', at half-past 2, P. M. Present Brother Taber, D. D. G. M., and 10 Brethren.

October 8. King David's Lodge, Taunton, at 10 minutes past 8, P. M. Present Brother Taber, D. D. G. M., and 40 Brethren.

October 9. Fellowship Lodge, West Bridgewater, at half-past 2, P. M. Present Brother Taber, D. D. G. M., and 10 Brethren.

October 9. Mount Hope Lodge, Fall River, at 8, P. M. Present 30 Brethren. Met in hall of a fire-company's house—a temporary provision—the hall of the Lodge having recently been consumed by fire.

October 12. Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, at 7, P. M. Constituted the Lodge, installed the officers and dedicated the hall.

October 15. Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston, at 45 minutes past 6, P. M. Constituted Lodge and installed its officers.

October 23. St. Matthew's Lodge, Andover, at half-past 11, A. M. Present Brother Caleb Rand, Special Grand Lecturer, and 14 Brethren.

October 23. Grecian Lodge, Lawrence, at 3, P. M. Present 21 Brethren.

October 23. Merrimac Lodge, Haverhill, at 8, P. M. Installed officers. Present 53 Brethren.

October 26. Warren Lodge, Amesbury, at 45 minutes past 3, P. M. Present 5 Brethren. Very stormy weather.

October 26. St. Mark's Lodge, Newburyport, at 7, P. M. Present Brother Seavey, D. D. G. M., and 21 Brethren.

October 26. St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, at 8, P. M. Present Brother Seavey, D. D. G. M., and 41 Brethren.

October 27. Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead, at 8, P. M. Present 17 Brethren. Stormy weather.

November 8. Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn, at three-quarters-past 5 P. M. Present 23 Brethren.

November 6. Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford, at 50 minutes past 7, P. M. Present 35 Brethren.

November 9. Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn, at 5, P. M. Present 18 Brethren.

November 9. Jordan Lodge, South Danvers, at 8, P. M. Dedicated its new and beautiful hall, and installed its officers. Present 125 Brethren, including vistsors from Salem, Beverly, Lynn and Marblehead.

November 12. Pentucket Lodge, Lowell, at 50 minutes past 6, P. M. Present Brother Moore, R. G. S., and 63 Brethren.

November 12. Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, at half-past 7, P. M. Present 42 Brethren. Soon after opening, Pentucket Lodge entered, when the Grand Master addressed both bodies.

November 13. Liberty Lodge, Beverly, at half-past 5, P. M. Present 25 Brethren.

November 13. Essex Lodge, Salem, at half-past 7, P. M. Present Brother C. Gayton Pickman, P. J. G. W., and 93 Brethren.

November 17. St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston, at 7, P. M. Present 40 Brethren.

November 19. Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton, at 45 minutes past 1, P. M. Present 18 Brethren.

November 19. Union Lodge, Dorchester, at 7, P. M. Present 24 Brethren.

November 23. Bethesda Lodge, Brighton, at 7, P. M. Present Brother Coolidge, D. D. G. M. 1st District, and 24 Brethren.

November 30. Baalbec Lodge, East Boston, at half-past 6, P. M. Present 24 Brethren. At 7, P. M., closed to meet with Mount Tabor Lodge.

November 30. Mount Tabor Lodge, East Boston, at quarter-past 7, P. M. Present 100 Brethren, including the members of Baalbec Lodge.

December 1. Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Chelsea, at half-past 6, P. M. Present 35 Brethren. Installed officers.

December 3. Hiram Lodge, West Cambridge, at 7, P. M. Present 30 Brethren. Installed officers.

December 4. Rural Lodge, Quincy, at 20 minntes past 4, P. M. Present 9 Brethren.

December 4. Norfolk Union Lodge, Randolph, at quarter-past 7, P. M. Present 30 Brethren, among whom was Brother Wales, S. G. W. Installed officers.

December 8. Amicable Lodge, Cambridgeport, at 7, P. M. Present 40 Brethren, including Brothers Paige, P. D. G. M., Hews, P. J. G. W., Pickman, P. J. G. W., and Pattee, G. P.

December 10. Washington Lodge, Roxbury, at 7, P. M. Present 30 Brethren. Installed officers.

December 11. Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, at 7, P. M. Present 50 Brethren, among whom were Brothers John Flint, P. J. G. W., and William Parkman, Master of St. Andrew's Lodge.

December 21. Putnam Lodge, East Cambridge, at 7, P. M. Present 33 Brethren. Installed officers.

December 22. Gate of the Temple Lodge, South Boston, at 7, P. M. Present 25 Brethren.

December 23. Pequossette Lodge, Watertown, at 45 minutes past 6, P. M. Constituted and consecrated the Lodge, installed its officers and dedicated its hall.

December 24. St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, at 7, P. M. Private Quarterly meeting. Present 24 members.

TABLE,

Showing the number of Initiates and Members of each Lodge, in 1857, also the month in which the Election of Officers in each Lodge occurs, &c.

FIRST DISTRICT—R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, D. D. G. M.

| NAME OF LODGE. | Date of Charter. | Location. | Initiated from Sept. 1, 1856 to Sept. 1, 1857. | Members Sept. 1, 1857. | Officers, when elected. |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| St. John's, | 1733, | Boston, | 34, | 133, | December. |
| St. Andrew's, | 1756, | Boston, | 11, | 38, | November. |
| Massachusetts, | 1770, | Boston, | 12, | 76, | December. |
| Washington, | 1796, | Roxbury, | 8, | 63, | November. |
| Columbian, | 1796, | Boston, | 19, | 207, | December. |
| Mount Lebanon, | 1801, | Boston, | 23, | 151, | December. |
| Mount Tabor, | 1846, | East Boston, | 25, | 155, | November. |
| St. Paul's, | 1846, | South Boston, | 36, | 103, | December. |
| Baalbec, | 1853, | East Boston, | 11, | 63, | March. |
| Germania, | 1856, | Boston, | 4, | 28, | November. |
| Gate of the Temple, | 1856, | South Boston, | 10, | 46, | November. |
| Winslow Lewis, | 1856, | Boston, | 15, | 30, | November. |
| Revere, (March,) | 1857, | Boston, | 11, | 40, | December. |
| | | | 219 | 1133 | |

SECOND DISTRICT—R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, D. D. G. M.

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|----------------|-------|----------------|-----|------|------------|
| Philanthropic, | 1760, | Marblehead, | 3, | 59, | December. |
| St. John's, | 1766, | Newburyport, | 20, | 139, | March. |
| Tyrian, | 1770, | Gloucester, | 9, | 50, | November. |
| Essex, | 1791, | Salem, | 20, | 136, | December. |
| Merrimac, | 1802, | Haverhill, | 32, | 96, | October. |
| St. Mark's, | 1803, | Newburyport, | 18, | 39, | September. |
| Mount Carmel, | 1805, | Lynn, | 2, | 29, | December. |
| Jordan, | 1808, | South Danvers, | 9, | 62, | November. |
| Warren, | 1821, | Amesbury, | 4, | 48, | October. |
| Liberty, | 1824, | Beverly, | 8, | 62, | December. |
| Ashler, | 1851, | Rockport, | 1, | 39, | November. |
| | | | 128 | 750 | |

THIRD DISTRICT—R. W. WILLIAM NORTH, D. D. G. M.

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|----------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| St. Paul's, | 1797, | Groton, | 9, | 20, | October. |
| Aurora, | 1801, | Fitchburg, | 11, | 58, | September. |
| Pentucket, | 1807, | Lowell, | 15, | 166, | October. |
| St. Matthew's, | 1822, | Andover, | 10, | 43, | December. |
| Grecian, | 1825, | Lawrence, | 18, | 121, | September. |
| Ancient York, | 1853, | Lowell, | 7, | 83, | October. |
| | | | <u>70</u> | <u>491</u> | |

FOURTH DISTRICT—R. W. LEVI RAWSON, D. D. G. M.

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|-------------------|-------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Middlesex, | 1795, | Framingham, | 14, | 31, | November. |
| Meridian, | 1797, | Natick, | 11, | 68, | October. |
| Montgomery, | 1797, | Milford, | 25, | 77, | December. |
| Solomon's Temple, | 1818, | Uxbridge, | 4, | 26, | November. |
| Bethesda, | 1819, | Brighton, | 11, | 38, | December. |
| Franklin, | 1852, | Grafton, | 0, | 22, | January. |
| Blackstone River, | 1856, | Blackstone, | 4, | 32, | December. |
| | | | <u>69</u> | <u>292</u> | |

FIFTH DISTRICT—R. W. LUCIEN B. KIETH, D. D. G. M.

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|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Rural, | 1801, | Quincy, | 1, | 16, | November. |
| Norfolk Union, | 1819, | Randolph, | 3, | 24, | December. |
| Paul Revere, (Marsh,) | 1857, | North Bridgewater, | 3, | 19, | December. |
| Old Colony, | 1792, | Hingham, | 22, | 49, | December. |
| Union, | 1796, | Dorchester, | 13, | 27, | December. |
| Rising Star, | 1799, | Stoughton, | 1, | 38, | November. |
| Orphan's Hope, | 1825, | Weymouth, | 19, | 51, | June. |
| Corner Stone, | 1801, | Duxbury, | 1, | 23, | November. |
| | | | <u>63</u> | <u>247</u> | |

SIXTH DISTRICT—R. W. HENRY EARL, D. D. G. M.

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|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Olive Branch, | 1797, | Sutton & Webster, | 2, | 41, | February. |
| Mount Zion, | 1800, | Barre, | 3, | 46, | September. |
| Morning Star, (1844,) | 1793, | Worcester, | 26, | 137, | January. |
| | | | <u>31</u> | <u>224</u> | |

SEVENTH DISTRICT—R. W. GEO. H. TABER, D. D. G. M.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Fellowship, | 1797, | West Bridgewater, | 2, | 36, | December. |
| King David, | 1798, | Taunton, | 11, | 127, | December. |
| St. Alban's, | 1818, | Foxboro', | 5, | 21, | September. |
| Star in the East, | 1823, | New Bedford, | 15, | 211, | December. |
| Mount Hope, (1845,) | 1824, | Fall River, | 23, | 68, | December. |
| | | | <u>56</u> | <u>465</u> | |

EIGHTH DISTRICT—R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, D. D. G. M.

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|--------------------|-------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Marine, | 1798, | Falmouth, | 5, | 14, | December. |
| Fraternal, | 1801, | Hyannis, | 19, | 132, | December. |
| Social Harmony, | 1823, | Wareham, | 8, | 18, | December. |
| Plymouth, (1851,) | 1825, | Plymouth, | 25, | 35, | November. |
| Mount Horeb, | 1835, | West Harwich, | 14, | 45, | December. |
| Benjamin Franklin, | 1835, | West Dennis, | 4, | 50, | December. |
| De Witt Clinton, | 1856, | Sandwich, | 6, | 39, | December. |
| | | | <u>81</u> | <u>333</u> | |

NINTH DISTRICT—R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, D. D. G. M.

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|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Cincinnatus, | 1795, | Sheffield, | 4, | 35, | December. |
| Evening Star, | 1795, | Lee, | 4, | 54, | May. |
| Lafayette, (1849,) | 1796, | North Adams, | 2, | 35, | December. |
| Thomas, | 1796, | Palmer, | 19, | 31, | November. |
| Wisdom, | 1803, | West Stockbridge, | 7, | 16, | May. |
| Mystic, | 1810, | Pittsfield, | 6, | 31, | June. |
| Hampden, | 1817, | Springfield, | 24, | 94, | November. |
| Mount Moriah, | 1856, | Westfield, | 12, | 57, | December. |
| | | | <u>78</u> | <u>353</u> | |

TENTH DISTRICT—R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, D. D. G. M.

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|-------------|-------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Republican, | 1794, | Greenfield, | 9, | 83, | December. |
| Harmony, | 1796, | Northfield, | 0, | 22, | December. |
| Jerusalem, | 1797, | Northampton, | 19, | 83, | November. |
| Mountain, | 1808, | Shelburne Falls, | 14, | 35, | December. |
| Chicopee, | 1849, | Chicopee, | 9, | 66, | January. |
| Mount Tom, | 1850, | Holyoke, | 4, | 45, | November. |
| | | | <u>55</u> | <u>339</u> | |

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—R. W. CHAS. B. ROGERS, D. D. G. M.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| King Solomon's, | 1783, | Charlestown, | 15, | 96, | October. |
| Hiram, | 1797, | West Cambridge, | 20, | 73, | November. |
| Corinthian, | 1797, | Concord, | 5, | 43, | October. |
| Amicable, | 1805, | Cambridge, | 9, | 76, | December. |
| Monitor, | 1821, | Waltham, | 6, | 36, | January. |
| Star of Bethlehem, | 1843, | Chelsea, | 19, | 85, | November. |
| Putnam, | 1855, | East Cambridge, | 21, | 39, | December. |
| Mount Hermon, | 1856, | Medford, | 9, | 34, | October. |
| Mount Horeb, | 1856, | Woburn, | 5, | 38, | December. |
| | | | <u>109</u> | <u>525</u> | |

RETURNS FROM SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

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|----------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Bethesda, | 1855, | Valparaiso, S. A., | 18, | 28, | August. |
| Union, (1846,) | 1771, | Nantucket, | 8, | 47, | December. |
| King Hiram, | 1796, | Provincetown, | 12, | 84, | November. |
| | | | <u>9</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>159</u> |

RETURNS FROM LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

| | <i>Initiates.</i> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Paul Revere, | 6 |
| Revere, | 27 |
| Wyoming, | 27 |
| Joseph Warren, | 17 |
| Pequossette, | 20 |
| | <hr/> 97 |

 RECAPITULATION.

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| First District, | 219 | 1133 |
| Second District, | 128 | 759 |
| Third District, | 70 | 491 |
| Fourth District, | 69 | 292 |
| Fifth District, | 63 | 247 |
| Sixth District, | 31 | 224 |
| Seventh District, | 56 | 465 |
| Eighth District, | 81 | 333 |
| Ninth District, | 78 | 353 |
| Tenth District, | 55 | 339 |
| Eleventh District, | 109 | 525 |
| Returns from Special Deputies, | 38 | 159 |
| Lodges under Dispensation, | 97 | |
| | <hr/> 1092 | <hr/> 5320 |

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 7, 1857.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, *Grand Master.*

The period of my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District being about to expire, and the constitutional requirements of my office having been fulfilled, I avail myself of this opportunity to thank you for a privilege which has brought me more closely into connexion with my Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, and to express to you the satisfaction I feel in making this Report to you of the standing and progress of the Lodges in this District.

And first, let me say, that in point of loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, they are unsurpassed, and, with one or two exceptions, there is great uniformity in the work of the several degrees.

The number of Masons made during the past year throughout the District is 219, and the amount contributed to the funds of the Grand Lodge is \$1,170.

In the case of Germania Lodge, whose work is conducted in the German language, there is need of greater proficiency on the part of the officers. I am surprized that it is as good as it is under their circumstances; but some method, I think, will suggest itself to you by which these Brethren can be better instructed and thereby rendered more proficient than they are at present. The best spirit is manifested among them, and a desire to become as perfect as possible in the work.

St. Paul's Lodge, of South Boston, has initiated 36; Mount Tabor, of East Boston, 25; and St. John's, Boston, 34 during the year. I am of opinion that this is entirely too much for Lodges to do, taxing their officers to the utmost, and admitting of no time for the improvements and social enjoyments of the Order.

The average number of initiates in this District is 17 to each Lodge, which is judicious, if the work could be equally distributed.

A pleasant feature in the doings of the past year, is the occasional meeting in Boston of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the purpose of comparing notes, acting in uniformity and encouraging each other

in the promotion of Masonic interests throughout the State. The experience of the past year has proved that some changes may be advantageously made in remodeling the Districts, making them more convenient to the Lodges and the Deputies, and a recommendation will be presented to you to promote this object. There have been but few rejections, and but few Dispensations granted, showing that the Brethren are more careful whom they introduce.

My interviews have been pleasant, and the deep interest evinced by the Lodges in the teachings and counsels I have felt it my duty to lay before them, is highly satisfactory. Again thanking you for the distinguished honor I have received,

I remain, most truly and fraternally,

W. D. COOLIDGE.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Newburyport, December, 1857.

M. W. G. MASTER—

In compliance with your request, it is with pleasure that I record a few facts in relation to the present condition of the Lodges which you have seen fit to place under my care.

The first in order in seniority of date is Philanthropic Lodge, of Marblehead, chartered by St. John's G. L. March 25th, 1760. In former years this Lodge enjoyed a high reputation for the elevated character of its memberships, its liberal and large hearted benevolence, and for the union and spirited endeavors to carry out the principles of our Order within its tyled precincts. On my last annual visit to it, it was gratifying to witness the promptness and satisfaction with which the Records, By-Laws and working implements, were presented for inspection and approval. The exemplification of its work was also presented with alacrity and performed with readiness, although it was far from conforming to the standard ritual as given by the G. Lecturers; still but little doubt can be entertained that under the administration of the present faithful executive, not a little of the antique will be most cordially omitted.

St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, chartered by St. John's G. L. 1766.—The Charter has twice been returned to the G. Lodge in consequence of causes from without, which disturbed the peace of its members. At present, however, it can be truthfully said to be one of the largest and most flourishing Lodges in the District, as since resuming work in 1853, it has labored most assiduously to possess the standard ritual in

all its purity, which has not only enabled it to make larger accessions to its membership, but to perpetuate the sublime principles of our institution to all who may come after. The large attendance upon its meetings; the frank and cordial intercourse between its members, and the harmony which pervades its proceedings, bespeak that invigorating power which must result, if perpetuated, in a healthful success.

Tyrian Lodge, Gloucester, chartered by Massachusetts G. L. 1770.—Previous to the anti-masonic whirlwind of 1826, this Lodge sustained a prominent position for Masonic intelligence both in the ritual and operative expertness. During the past year some progress has been made in reclaiming its lost energies and restoring itself to a fruitful activity. Its present mode of work is far from being complete, and differs essentially from the established rule of our commonwealth. Situated in a seaport village, it may well be termed a maratime Lodge, whose members are often called upon the ocean to prosecute their daily toil; hence dispensations here have been sought for and readily granted, which must necessarily give to some of them a hurried insight into the sanctum of our Temple. This class of initiates, however, I am happy to submit, is rapidly diminishing in the Lodges of this District, strongly indicating a just appreciation of the efforts now making to curtail the granting of Dispensations. The spirit and concord which characterize its proceedings are the fruits of a true loyalty. The frequent calls made upon it for charity, are by no means an inconsiderable tax,—but they are promptly met with a generous cordiality.

Essex Lodge, Salem, chartered by Massachusetts G. L. 1791.—No Lodge probably in this vicinity can boast of more venerated Brethren of a ripe old age than can this. In it many may be found, those whose feeble limbs testify too plainly that soon their presence will cease among the brotherhood on earth.

While performing the pleasant duties of my official visit to this Lodge, its well filled Hall exhibited specimens of aged membership which are seldom witnessed, and to which I feel it a privilege to allude. Though their bodily strength seemed impaired, yet none were more eager to listen, none more scrupulous in their demeanor and attentive to the regulations and ceremonies of our Order, and none expressed deeper satisfaction through the lighted countenance and flashing eye, —merely showing that he who receives Masonic rule in early life for his guide, will not lack a staff of comfort upon which to lean the drooping spirits of his declining age. These ancient ashlers live to impart the leaven of their good example to those who must ere long

take their places, with all their responsibilities. The strict attention given by this Lodge to the proper work and lectures, and the persevering care manifested in the practice of the same, as well as its harmonious action, have placed it, we believe, second to none in this District, if not in the Commonwealth.

Merrimac Lodge, Haverhill, chartered in 1802.—Since resuming its charter in 1852, the zealous perseverance of its officers has, to a considerable degree, established the full code of the ritual in its practice, which has resulted quite successfully to the Lodge in a large accession to the fraternal fold. The unprecedented supply of labor has enabled it to fit up a beautiful and commodious place of meeting, which will compare well with any other in the Commonwealth; and although it has not yet been dedicated to Masonry, we trust the time is not far distant when this will be done with proper ceremonies. On my annual visit to this Lodge, a specimen of working was duly presented for inspection, which was performed with much credit to the members and satisfaction to the Grand officer. Dispensations are seldom asked for by this Lodge, and never except with great caution. Its objects of charity are not so numerous as some of our Lodges are called upon to meet; they seem, however, to have been met with true Masonic generosity.

St. Mark's Lodge, Newburyport, chartered in 1803. Since the consecration of this Lodge it has held its charter and continued to hold its meetings regularly, though many dark days have passed over its horizon. It was enabled to meet throughout the antimasonic times. During a few years past, efforts have been made to revive its long lost energies, and, at present, its circumstances indicate its accomplishment. The efforts making by the present organization to perform its duty, by obtaining a thorough knowledge of the ritual, will soon be exhibited by a vigorous and healthful activity that will do honor to our institution.

Jordan Lodge, South Danvers, chartered in 1808.—This Lodge, it may truly be said, was once the best working Lodge of the District. Among its members may be found some who were original petitioners for its Charter. Its former glory, so beautifully represented in deeds of great benevolence, it is hoped will return to it, and that it will again be distinguished for the virtues it practiced of old. The inculcation of our ritual in years past, for good reasons, have not been prosecuted with proper diligence; hence its decay in some respects may be accounted for. On my annual visit, an increased desire, however, was fully manifested among the members to perfect them-

selves in the work and lectures. The large field of its resources from which it is entitled to draw its members, leaves no doubt that soon the good fruits of their toil will be fully exhibited. The fortunate circumstances of the past year have enabled it to fit up a commodious Hall which was duly consecrated by the G. Lodge.

Liberty Lodge, Beverly, chartered in 1824.—Much has been accomplished by this Lodge and much remains to be done in bringing it to the standard of our ritual. It has however done a good work; and has continued peaceful and harmonious.

From the records examined, it appears that much has been done in charities, and judging by its past acts, we are warranted in saying that the poor and needy among them will not lack for bread. On my annual visit, much promptness and despatch were observable in the performance of its duties, with an ardent desire to pay due honors to the G. Lodge.

Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn, chartered in 1805.—This once flourishing Lodge is again reviving from the internal shocks that have come upon it from time to time crippling its best energies. From the manifested determination of its present officers, the time is soon coming when that portal to our fraternal fold will be well guarded and secured. The exemplification of its work was given with promptness, and revealed a proficiency in its officers most commendable.

The records for the past few years deserve honorable mention for the faithful and intelligent manner in which they have been kept by the present exemplary Secretary.

Warren Lodge, Amesbury, chartered in 1821.—From the scattered and distant residences of its members, and the consequent difficulty of a punctual attendance, this Lodge has not enjoyed that amount of success which has fallen to the lot of some others. This, to some extent, has caused the interest of the members to subside as well as the ritual to become more or less neglected. I am happy to say, however, that evidences of improvement are now manifested. But the incompleteness of its practiced ritual will not admit of that position which others take who follow the established one. Its condition internally is harmonious and peaceful, and it has during the past year received a fair share of success.

Ashler Lodge, Rockport, chartered in 1851.—This being strictly a marathime Lodge, most of its members are called by their occupation to follow the sea, thus rendering nine months productive of little of interest. Much praise, however, is due to those few members who endeavor to carry on its affairs, and who succeed in performing

the duties under extreme disadvantage. On my visit to this Lodge the work and lectures presented, corresponded pretty well with our form, and reflected credit upon those who took part therein. Harmony and good fellowship pervades its assemblies.

Fraternally yours,

ISAAC P. SEAVEY, D. D. G. M. of the 2d District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

G. M. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having attended to the duties annexed to my appointment of D. D. G. M. of District No. 3, in visiting all the Lodges in said District, I now most cheerfully comply with the requirement of presenting to you the general state of Masonry and the true condition of the Lodges therein whose interests have been entrusted to my care.

This duty is the more pleasing to me because that of commendation of the Lodges generally is their merit. At no previous period, it is fully believed, have they stood as well as at the present. While none have suffered any retrogression, some have made decided advances, and are still pursuing the course that will raise them high in rank with the Lodges of this Commonwealth.

The number of initiations is less than in some former years, as will be seen by the returns ; yet it is believed to be as large as the healthy growth and safety of the institution require. Harmony and good fellowship prevail throughout the Lodges, while the zeal that is manifested among the Brethren, augurs well for their future prosperity.

St. Paul's Lodge, Groton.—This Lodge has continued for several years in nearly the same state, receiving but few initiates and having about the the same number of members. Most of the Brethren are aged—some more than eighty years—living in different towns quite remote from their place of meeting, yet the remarkable fact appears of their almost invariable attendance at their stated meetings. The last year has been one of unusual prosperity with them. They have initiated nine and will increase their membership eight—mostly young men, or in the prime of life—and they enter into the spirit of Masonry with a commendable zeal. One of them remarked, “I am desirous of receiving the higher degrees in Masonry, but I am determined to become thorough in the Work and Lectures on these degrees before entering upon others.”

Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg.—This is one of the best working Lodges in the District. Among the Brethren are some aged pillars who stand at their post, and by their skill and attention guard well the landmarks of the Order and suffer no deviations from the established usages and customs of the fraternity. This Lodge meets quite frequently for the purpose of lecturing, and it is pleasant to observe the correctness of the lectures and the strict observance of the ritual as established by the Grand Lodge.

Pentucket Lodge, at Lowell, is still pursuing its even tenor and still maintains its former character among the Lodges in this District. Many of the members have become aged in the ranks; having passed through the days that tried their integrity, they now stand honored by the Brethren as beacons to guide the course of the less experienced. One peculiar trait has characterized this Lodge for many years—that of harmony and brotherly kindness. Having presided over their deliberations for seven consecutive years, without scarcely hearing a discordant note or jarring-string, duty compels me to bear testimony of their adherence to the Masonic principle of uniting in the grand design of being happy and of communicating happiness.

St. Matthew's Lodge, at Andover, has been rising for the last two or three years, yet this year has been the most prosperous they have had. Ten have been initiated, which, it is believed, will add much to their strength and be an honor to the fraternity.

Grecian Lodge, Lawrence.—Under the efficient management of the officers of this Lodge it has continued in its usual prosperous state during the past year. It has one hundred and twentyone members, including some of the most worthy and respectable citizens in the city. Their hall has been neatly refitted and embellished. The work in this Lodge is excellent—the Masters having taken unusual pains in qualifying themselves, under the instructions of the Grand Lecturers. Harmony prevails among its members, while every thing indicates its prosperity in the future.

Ancient York Lodge, at Lowell, continues to maintain its high character among the Lodges in this District. Frequent changes have been made in the Masters and other officers, yet in every case their successors have been fully competent to fill their places. The present Master, Brother Hutchinson, although a younger man than is usually placed in the Master's chair, yet he is thoroughly skilled in the work and lectures and will do honor to the station he fills. Less work has been done this year than usual. Seven applicants have been received and eight rejected.

According to your direction I went to Reading and received the Charter and Records of Good Samaritan Lodge. Their request to surrender their Charter will accompany it. It may be proper to copy a note appended to the resolution of the Lodge by the W. Master.

"Allow me to say in extenuation of this rather singular action, that the remaining members of Good Samaritan Lodge are too few in number (not over seven,) and too aged (none under fiftyseven and living quite scattered) to sustain a creditable working Lodge. I avoid casting blame on any one.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK F. ROOT, *Master.*"

In the discharge of my duty in visiting the Lodges, I have urged the necessity of fully conferring the degrees on the candidates; that the case should be an extraordinary one that should justify any abridgement in the work or explanation of the emblems, and especially has it been urged to adhere strictly to our ritual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM NORTH,

Dept. for the Third Masonic District.

Lowell, December, 1857.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. JOHN T. HEARD,

Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

I respectfully submit the following report as District Deputy G. Master of District No. 4, for the year ending December, 1857.

Bethesda Lodge, at Brighton, Meridian, at Natick, and Middlesex, at Framingham, I am sorry to be obliged to say, that circumstances, beyond my control, prevented my visiting sufficiently to acquire a thorough knowledge of their condition. They have had considerable work, and should judge from what I do know of them, that they are in a flourishing condition. They enrol as members several distinguished Masons. Their communications are well attended; their officers efficient, and the members attentive to their business in the Lodge.

Franklin Lodge, at Grayton, has not made a Mason during the year past. The Lodge is small, having but twentytwo members. They occupy their time in acquiring a knowledge of the ritual and perfecting their work, that they may, when they have work, do it as directed by the Grand Lodge. Though few in number they, perhaps justly, pride themselves on the worth and character of their members; which

they think of more consequence to sustain, than to increase their number.

Montgomery Lodge, at *Milford*, is large for a country Lodge, and is very fast increasing, having made twentyfive during the year. It has many true and trusty members. I believe their work is of good material. Within, peace and harmony prevail.

Solomon's Temple Lodge, at *Uxbridge*, has materially improved during the year; some old and influential Masons have taken old of late, and I trust will be of essential service to the Lodge. They have elected, (and they have been installed,) young men for officers, who appear to be determined to qualify themselves for their respective stations. Though it will take time, with their facilities, yet I trust they will finally accomplish their purpose.

Blackstone River Lodge, at *Blackstone*, has been much troubled by a quarrel between two unruly members. It is to be hoped that they will soon be able to rid themselves of their difficulties, and again enjoy peace and harmony. Although the reputation and prosperity of this Lodge have been materially injured by its unfortunate difficulties with its members, yet it has sufficient members of worth and character to sustain it and make it a worthy and respectable Lodge.

In this District, during the year, sixtynine persons have been initiated. Most of the Lodges have been unusually prosperous. The work has been, in some, much improved. Many old and worthy members have been induced to resume their labors. A new interest in the principles of Masonry seems to have been awakened, and a greater zeal for light and knowledge is manifested, caused I think in a great measure by the M. W. Grand Master's and the Special Grand Lecturer's visits to the Lodges.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LEVI RAWSON, D. D. G. M. 4th District.

Grafton, Dec. 1857.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

The Masonic year for which (by your favor) I received the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master for the 5th Masonic District having expired, I am reminded that an account of my stewardship is called for. In doing so allow me to say, that I have performed the duties assigned to me so far as time and ability would permit.

The Lodges generally in my Jurisdiction, are respectable in numbers, work and lectures, and they manifest a desire to perfect themselves in the work, as exemplified by the Grand Lecturers. In this connection, I would say, that, in my opinion, the course pursued by the Grand Master, in causing the Lectures and Work to be given to the Lodges at their respective Halls, is the only one that will accomplish a proficiency and induce a uniformity.

During the past year I have granted three Dispensations for conferring the degrees in less time than the Grand Lodge regulations require, which act I regret; and I assure you that none shall be granted in future, unless stronger reasons shall be urged than have ever yet been presented.

L. B. KEITH, D. D. G. Master.

North Bridgewater, December, 1857.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The Sixth Masonic District, as at present constituted, is composed of seven Lodges, four of which have not held a meeting for more than twenty years; the other three I have visited and found them in good condition, with one exception, which will be noticed below.

Morning Star Lodge, at *Worcester*, has one hundred and thirtyseven members, and has initiated twentysix during the year ending the 30th of September last. This Lodge has fitted up and furnished a new and elegant Hall, which was Dedicated to Masonry by the officers of the Grand Lodge in January last. It is one of the best working and most flourishing Lodges in the State.

Mount Zion Lodge, at *Barre*, has fortysix members; is in good condition, in a flourishing village, and no doubt will do good service in the community in which it is located. This Lodge has also constructed and furnished a new Hall, which was Dedicated to the purposes of Masonry by a portion of the Grand officers on the 30th of December. A visit of the Grand Lecturer would have a tendency to improve their labors.

Olive Branch Lodge meets alternately at *West Sutton* and *Webster*, and is one of the few Lodges that continued its meetings through the antimasonic excitement; it has fortyone members, scattered in several

adjoining towns, which makes it difficult for them to meet often for improvement, except at the regular monthly meetings. A visit of one of the Grand Lecturers to this Lodge is much needed. Otherwise it is in good condition.

Eden Lodge, at Ware. I have learned that the Charter, jewels, records and furniture of this Lodge were destroyed by fire many years ago. Consequently this Lodge has no existence at the present time.

Doric Lodge, at Southbridge. I have not as yet been able to obtain any information in relation to this Lodge, or of any person who knows any thing about it, except that it has not held a meeting for many years. On further investigation I may perhaps be able to find its Charter and records, which I shall endeavor to do.

Meridian Sun Lodge, at Brookfield. Agreeable to your instructions I visited Brookfield, and found the Charter and records of this Lodge in the hands of Brother Rufus Dodge, a worthy farmer eightyfour years of age, who was the last Secretary. On showing Br. Dodge my authority he very readily placed them in my hands, and I have deposited them in the office of the Grand Treasurer. This is probably all that remains of Meridian Sun Lodge.

Harris Lodge, at Templeton. I have visited Templeton, where I obtained the records of this Lodge of the former Secretary, Brother Joseph Upham, and have deposited them with the Grand Treasurer. The jewels, as I am informed, were melted up as old silver, and the Charter cannot be found. This Lodge has not held a meeting since 1834. Their funds, about nine hundred dollars, were divided among the several towns where the members of the Lodge resided, to be used for the benefit of the poor, as will be seen by reference to the records. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours Fraternally,

HENRY EARL,

D. D. G. M. for the 6th Masonic District.

Worcester, December, 1857.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Fairhaven, Dec. 21, 1857.

MOST W. G. MASTER—

Dear Sir—I am pleased to inform you that the Lodges in my District are in a flourishing and harmonious condition. There have been fifty-six initiations the past year—a small increase over the previous year. I am pleased to find a disposition to scrutinize the characters of

applicants more closely on the part of the Lodges than has heretofore been the custom.

I have had but few applications for Dispensations; have granted but four—one to King David's, two to Star in the East, and one to Mount Hope. I noticed a marked change for the better in the Lodges since your visit: there seems to be a determination on the part of the members to comply more strictly with the rules and regulations, and I do hope the advice and counsel you gave will prove a lasting benefit. For the confidence you have again expressed by appointing me D. D. G. M., I return you my sincere thanks, and pledge you my word there shall be nothing on my part left undone to make our beloved Order take that exalted position to which it is so eminently entitled.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE C. TABER,

D. D. G. M. for the 7th M. District.

To JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Mass.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons of Mass.*

DEAR SIR—I submit the following report, in relation to the 8th Masonic District, for your consideration. I will commence with *Marine Lodge*, that having the oldest Charter, though it is but little over a year since it had its Charter restored. Since that time it has had eight initiates. It holds its meetings in the town of *Falmouth*, and has a comfortable Lodge room.

Fraternal Lodge, of *Barnstable*, is situated in the village of *Hyannis*, and is the largest Lodge in the District,—numbering one hundred and thirty members. It has had nineteen initiations the last year. It has been to a great expense in building and fitting up its Hall, within a few years.

Social Harmony Lodge, of *Wareham*, numbers twentyfive members, and has had eight initiations the last year. Although small in number, it appears to have the right feeling among its members.

Plymouth Lodge, of *Plymouth*, appears to be in a flourishing condition. It has had twentyfive initiates the past year. Although it has had a good deal to contend with heretofore, by its wisdom it has subdued much of the prejudice that existed in that town against our institution. It bids fair to be a large and good Lodge.

Mount Horeb Lodge, of *West Harwich*, has initiated fourteen the past

year ; and although it has to contend with some uneasy spirits, it seems to prosper.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge, of West Dennis, has been so unfortunate as to have its principal officers absent most of the time the past year. It has had four initiations ; and has commenced a new era with brighter prospects.

De Witt Clinton Lodge, of Sandwich, has had six initiations the past year ; and the fraternity in that place seem to appreciate the principles of the Craft.

The whole District is indebted to our Grand Master for the interest he has excited in it, by visiting the Lodges in person, and for sending a Grand Lecturer through it, to perfect them in the ritual. It must be beneficial to the whole State to have the work as near uniformity as possible throughout it. The materials of which the fraternity in this State are composed, will compare favorably with those of any other set of men in it, for morality, or in any other respect.

SYLVESTER BAXTER, *D. D. G. Master 8th District.*

Hyannis, December, 1857.

NINTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR—In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I herewith present a statement in reference to the condition of the several Lodges under my jurisdiction.

I was not privileged to witness the practical work of some of them, enough to judge of their correctness in each degree. While I find some of them in their work strictly agreeing with the work as exemplified by the Grand Lecturers in Boston, there are others who, for certain reasons, are in an unsettled condition, and considerably confused, in getting their work to agree with that established by the Grand Lodge. This class of Lodges are those which, from their small means and remoteness from the authorized Lecturers, are without the proper instructions to qualify them, as it is their wish to be.

Wisdom Lodge, at West Stockbridge, which is a small Lodge and short of means, I find is in want of some such assistance as might be rendered by a Lecturer who could be with them in the practical work and inspire confidence. They are so conducting as to avoid the necessity of rejecting unworthy applicants, and endeavoring to strictly

guard the door of the Lodge. Judging from what I could learn, if they had only been desirous to have increased their members and obtain funds, they would not have obliged me to have reported the non-payment of their annual dues.

Cincinnati Lodge, now located in *Great Barrington*, is laboring under some of the disadvantages of *Wisdom Lodge*, but is in a much more flourishing condition. They have recently elected new officers and bid fair to become a useful Lodge.

La Fayette Lodge, in *N. Adams*, is much in need of the counsels of a Lecturer; having the services of one the past season has inspired in them a commendable zeal for more of the same in kind, which will render them an efficient Lodge.

Thomas Lodge, at *Palmer*, for a comparatively new Lodge, is doing a good work, they have a commendable zeal, and have made some valuable acquisitions to their numbers, and are truly worthy of the fostering care of the G. Lodge.

Hampden Lodge, in *Springfield*, has performed a greater amount of labor than any Lodge in my District, and have added some valuable members to their number, who will do honor to the institution. They have labored under some disadvantages in adapting their work to the work of the G. Lodge, which I am confident will be overcome in their choice of new officers for the current year. They have abundant material when brought into practical use to place *Hampden Lodge* on that high eminence which it sustained in times of yore.

Evening Star, *Mystic*, and *Mount Moriah Lodges*, I shall class under one and the same head, as being the Lodges of the District. And so far as I had the pleasure of witnessing their work am led to the conclusion that they are one and the same thing. They have efficient and capable officers, their Lodges are well governed, and are in a prosperous condition. The course adopted by one of them in introducing candidates for admission, has a happy effect upon the Lodge in perpetuating harmony among the Craft, and serves to guard the door of the Lodge even from the application of unworthy persons; consequently avoiding the unpleasant duty of a rejection. Judging from all that was presented to my observation, I have no hesitancy in saying it would be a pleasure to any well-informed Brother to spend an evening in either of these Lodges.

I found the records in each of the above Lodges correctly kept, and all pertaining to them in proper order.

In order that the first named Lodges in the western part of the District may be placed on the same round of the ladder with the last

named, I would suggest to the M. W. G. Master the propriety of appointing one as a Lecturer, who resides in that portion of the District, giving to the feeble and worthy Lodges there a more ready access to the means of elevation to which they so honorably aspire.

In presenting to you this hasty sketch of my observations touching all the Lodges in my District, I may not have met your wishes, but shall hope for the indulgence of that characteristic trait which is so frequently enforced on all who participate in our labors, Charity.

I feel confident, however, that the information you obtained in your recent visit among the Lodges in my District, will render it entirely unnecessary for me to add any thing further.

Most fraternally yours,

DANIEL REYNOLDS, D. D. G. Master 9th District.

Springfield, December, 1857.

TENTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

Report of Lodges and the present state of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District of said Commonwealth, A. L. 5857.

There are six Lodges comprised within this jurisdiction, viz. :—*Harmony*, at *Northfield*; *Republican*, at *Greenfield*; *Mountain*, at *Shelburne Falls*; *Jerusalem*, at *Northampton*; *Mount Tom*, at *Holyoke*, and *Chicopee*, at *Chicopee*.

Harmony Lodge is inactive, having accomplished no work during the past year. The present Master has energy of character and is desirous of becoming skilful, and only wants a few applications, to become a workman, though I fear he is not sufficiently supported by the Brethren. There is but little interest here. The present Secretary of this Lodge bears the weight and care of *fiftyseven* Masonic years, and is probably the oldest Mason in this District.

Republican Ldge bears an excellent reputation. It comprises among its members men of eminence and talents; professional men and those who are or have been of service to the State and country. The work in this Lodge is performed with skill and with a commendable effort to imitate and follow the instructions and rules of the Grand Lodge. This Lodge has had one difficulty to encounter, growing out of the neglect of the members to elect their Wardens from among those who are well skilled in the mysteries; the Master elect being compelled to leave, and his duties devolving upon those unprepared

to fill his station. If all Lodges would elect their Wardens with the expectation that they may (accidentally or otherwise) be called upon to take the chair, we should save much inconvenience, and vastly increase the interest and skill of the members.

Mountain Lodge is yet in its infancy; most of its members bright and enthusiastic, possessed in a good degree with Masonic energy, and with a determination to do all their work well. They are commendably harmonious, and it gives one much pleasure to visit them in their modest Lodge-room. Masonry will not deteriorate in their hands.

Jerusalem Lodge is an institution of long standing, comprising among its members many old and experienced Brethren to counsel and caution the younger members and repress their ardor in any effort that may be made to increase the number of members. The work in this Lodge is very well performed, and from the usual attendance of members I should judge that much interest is taken in the institution.

Mount Tom Lodge is situated in a new manufacturing place, where the population is continually changing, and where much care is necessary in the selection of proper persons to be made Masons, and it is certainly commendable, that out of such a heterogeneous mass, with but short acquaintances, the Lodge has been kept so free from unworthy members. This Lodge has had the same difficulty which embarrassed Republican Lodge, namely—the absence of the Master elect, and the advance of the Wardens who were not fully qualified. This Lodge is now in good standing.

Chicopee Lodge is in a very healthy condition. It is composed of good men and true, those of integrity and position in the community. It is governed by a good Master (though he finds some difficulty in *unlearning* some old forms and adapting his work to the lectures,) and the members take an interest in the institution.

Upon the whole, I think I can safely assert that Masonry in the 10th District is in a prosperous condition, and an impulse has been given to the institution during the past season by the visits of the M. W. Grand Master to the several Lodges, and by the instructions of the R. W. Brother Seavey; the effect of which will undoubtedly be felt as long as the present generation shall exist. I have visited all the Lodges. I have granted six Dispensations in cases which I deemed emergent, though I have taken every occasion to discourage the practice. Fifty-five new members have been initiated into the mysteries, and a general state of harmony prevails.

All which is submitted with the respects and regards of
W. B. C. PEARSONS, D. D. G. M. 10th District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

*Charlestown, Dec. 15, 1857.**To JOHN T. HEARD Esq., M. W. Grand Master—*

SIR—I have visited nearly all the Lodges in my District once, besides the annual official visitation ; deeming this necessary according to my understanding of the duty required of me to watch over with care and vigilance the Lodges placed under my charge. I found in most of them some matters requiring words of comment and correction ; not from any intention on their part of doing wrong, but rather proceeding from a gradual creeping in of negligence and carelessness in the transaction of the general business of the Lodge ; possibly proceeding, in some of them, from the large quantity of work they had to do. There is a general desire manifested to do right, and any chidings I have found necessary to administer, have been kindly received, and will, no doubt, be productive of good results.

With respect to the Work and Lectures, in all that I have witnessed, there has been a general correctness and near approach to the standard required by the Grand Lodge. Since I have been a Mason, now nearly eighteen years, there has not been, to my recollection, any District Deputy Grand Master visited King Solomon's Lodge at any other time than the regular annual visitation ; and that having been previously notified. It could not be possible for any one under such circumstances to become acquainted with the character, standing and general condition of a Lodge. I can now perceive that the extra visits made by me to the Lodges were really necessary, and of much service in giving me an opportunity to become acquainted with the manner of conducting the general business, as well as the mode of work practised in the Lodges, and affording occasion to speak to them on such matters as were noticed to be deviations from the usual Masonic standard and custom. From my own experience thus far, I deem it expedient and requisite that some one in official position, who would feel authorized to speak as one having authority, and in whom the Master and Lodge would have confidence, should make one or more uncerimonious visits, so as to see all the work and business of the Lodges, and thus make himself acquainted with all their doings, in order to be able to judge correctly of their true position and standing, as well as to offer counsel and advice as occasion and circumstances might require. This would have a tendency to induce caution, and, in a great measure, prevent the negligence, carelessness and error, which, unperceived perhaps by the members of the Lodges themselves, will sometimes make their way into them, and it would be productive of a

higher state of discipline ; bring the Lodges into more perfect harmony with one another and the Grand Lodge, and be for the best interests of the Institution as a whole.

Since writing the above we have had a meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters, when I learnt that it is a custom among them to make more than one visit, where it can be done without incurring too much expense, except in the First District, in which it has not been usual before this last year,—our active and energetic R. W. Brother Coolidge having adopted the practice as necessary and beneficial.

Thanking you for the honor and privilege accorded me, and for the renewed expression of confidence by the offer of a reappointment, which I accept, with the assurance of my best endeavors to discharge the duties in a faithful and acceptable manner,

I remain, Fraternaly, your obedient Servant,

CHAS. B. ROGERS,

D. D. G. Master 11th Masonic District.

REPORT OF THE S. G. LECTURER,
AND
ABSTRACTS OF THE REPORTS OF THE J. G. LECTURER
AND
SPECIAL GRAND LECTURERS.

W. WILLIAM C. MARTIN, S. G. LECTURER.

Masonic Temple, Boston, Dec. 21, 1857.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER—In compliance with your wish, made known to me some days since, to know the condition of the Lodges located in the Masonic Temple; their knowledge and practice of the Work and Lectures as established by the Grand Lodge, I would respectfully answer, in brief, hoping it will be none the less satisfactory.

The unprecedented interest you have manifested in visiting every subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, together with the advice and instruction you have imparted to them, has renewed and augmented their desire for a more perfect knowledge of the established Work and Lectures throughout the Commonwealth.

That spirit has pervaded Boston proper, and is accompanied with an increased energy to fulfil the wishes of the Grand Master, which are none other than to vitalize the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Most respectfully and Fraternally,

W. C. MARTIN, S. G. Lecturer.

W. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, J. G. LECTURER.

Mount Zion Lodge, Barre, August 31. Afternoon, instructed nine Brethren, and met them again at 7, P. M. September 1st, at 9, A. M., lectured to three Brethren until noon. In the afternoon seven Brethren were present. Met in the evening at 7 o'clock, five present.

Thomas Lodge, Palmer, September 2. Met at 1, P. M., with eight Brethren. At 7, P. M., seven Brethren were present. Sept. 3, Senior Warden and Junior Warden present in the forenoon. At 2, P. M., special meeting, conferred the *second*. At 7, P. M., conferred the *third*. Sept. 4, gave instruction in the forenoon and afternoon. In the evening conferred the *third*. Sept. 5, lectured in the forenoon to officers. Sept. 12, reviewed the work.

Hampden Lodge, Springfield, September 5. On arrival called upon the Master, who was out of town, and who had not notified his Lodge of the visit of Lecturer, though the latter had given ample notice of his coming. In the afternoon had the attendance of several members. In the evening twenty present. Sept. 6, lectured to fifteen Brethren, and in the evening to twelve. Sept. 7, instructed all day. In the evening special meeting, Master and Senior Warden absent. The Junior Warden and a large number of members present, Past Master Dickenson presiding. Conferred the *second*. Sept. 8, the Master present for the first time. Gave instruction. At half-past 7, P. M., special meeting, conferred the *third*, Master absent. Sept. 9, employed the forenoon in lecturing. Many Brethren of this Lodge are anxious to learn the mode of work of the Grand Lodge. Sept. 11, gave instruction to a number of members from 10, P. M., to past midnight.

Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, September 9. Found the work in the third nearer the required form than in Lodges previously visited. Lectured in the afternoon. A good deal of interest taken in the lectures by the officers and members. In the evening, conferred the *third*, Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and nearly all the members present. Sept. 10, instructed during the day time and in the evening. Sept. 11, employed the day and evening in the same manner.

Monitor Lodge, Waltham, September 23. Inspected its work, and gave instruction in the evening. October 20, visited again; lectured and instructed. This Lodge is more imperfect in the work than any other visited by the Lecturer in the vicinity of Boston.

Pequossette Lodge, Watertown, September 30. The work is correct. Work on the three degrees.

Hiram Lodge, West Cambridge, October 1. Worked all the degrees. This Lodge is correct in its work and lectures, and every thing is done in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

St. Paul's Lodge, Groton, October 6. Lectured and worked in the afternoon on the first. At 7, P. M. gave instruction; ten present. Oct 7, 8, A. M., labored until noon. At 1, P. M., met at Groton Junction for the convenience of some of the members. Met again at 7, P. M., at the same place. Good attendance of the Brethren at each meeting, and considerable interest manifested to improve in Masonry. October 8, met in Lodge-room at Groton Centre, at 8, A. M., and conferred the *third* on two Brethren.

Harmony Lodge, Northfield, October 14. At 9, A. M. lectured on first and second. At 2, P. M. continued the same instruction, and also from 6, P. M. to 9, P. M. Much improvement is here needed.

Corinthian Lodge, Concord, October 19. Inspected the work. Can assert that the Master is qualified in every respect to instruct the Lodge in the work and Lectures.

Rural Lodge, Quincy, November 23. Met at half-past 6, P. M. Present, W. Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, the Deacons, Secretary, Tyler and a few Brethren. Instructed through the evening. This Lodge labors under some difficulty on account of the removal of its new members to other parts, and of the scattered residences of its permanent members. Instruction is much needed, but as the Brethren could not meet except in the evening, the Lecturer was obliged to discontinue his labors. One or more of the members ought to attend the Lodge of Instruction in Boston, and thus get qualified to instruct the others. The usefulness of the Lodge demands some effort to correct its deficiencies. The members are worthy men, and should have a pride to become *bright* in the work and lectures.

Union Lodge, Dorchester, November 24. Examined all the work and happily found it correct. The Master is a member of the Boston Lodge of Instruction, and usually attends its meetings. Officers or members of Lodges who thus derive their instruction manifest a spirit of perseverance in attaining the work and lectures, and a devotion to the interests of Masonry, most creditable to them, and commends that body to the attention of the Grand Master as a means by which uniformity and perfection in the work may be effected.

Orphan's Hope Lodge, East Weymouth, December 2. Met at 6, P. M. Present, Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary, and a large number of members. Reviewed the work and lectures, which were correct, excepting slight deviations in phraseology. These will be corrected at once. There is a strong desire to improve

in Masonry, and the Lodge may be reckoned among the best of our working Lodges.

Old Colony Lodge, Hingham, December 7. Met at half-past 3, P. M., lectured on first and second. Met again at half-past 6, P. M., on the third. Present, Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Deacons, Stewards, Tyler, a large number of members and several visitors from Weymouth and other towns. This Lodge is nearly correct in work and lectures. Some of the members meet together weekly for practice, and where this is done a Lodge will not be behind the standard required by G. Lodge.

Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth, December 8, at 7, P. M. Present, Master, Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, Tyler, a number of members, and several visitors from Duxbury and other towns. Reviewed the work and gave instruction on the first. Closed at 10, P. M. December 9, 2, P. M., instructed on the second. At 7, P. M., until 10, P. M., lectured on the third. This Lodge was deficient in the work, but anxious to receive instruction and willing cheerfully to comply with the requirements of the G. Lodge. The Master and members were much gratified to receive instruction.

Corner Stone Lodge, Duxbury, December 10. Met at 6, P. M. Present, the Master, Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, two Past Masters, Tyler, a few members, and nine visitors from Plymouth. Instructed until half-past 10, P. M. December 11, met at 2, P. M., and lectured until 5, P. M. At 6, P. M., renewed labors. Present, all of the officers except the Junior Deacon: closed at 10, P. M. This Lodge is much like that at Plymouth, as to its work and lectures. The Brethren are interested in the reputation of the Lodge and the welfare of Masonry.

W. CALEB RAND, SPECIAL G. LECTURER.

Evening Star Lodge, Lee. Visited it early in September. Found it in excellent condition. Remained at Lee three days, lecturing with some of the officers in the day time, and presided over the Lodge two evenings.

Wisdom Lodge, West Stockbridge. Members generally very aged, and residences at a distance from the hall. Remained here two days and one evening, lecturing the Master and officers. Visited this Lodge early in September. More instruction is necessary.

Cincinnatus Lodge, Sheffield. The Brethren here are much interested in Masonry. Many members belong to Great Barrington. Visited this Lodge early in September. Remained here and at Great Barrington about two days. A good spirit prevails among the members, but instruction is necessary.

Lafayette Lodge, North Adams. Early in September. Instruction necessary. Untoward circumstances prevented the realization of good results. Still some of the Brethren availed themselves of a brief sojourn to gain information.

Mystic Lodge, Pittsfield. Early in September. Found good work, in good hands. Remained two days. A most pleasant and most satisfactory visit.

Grecian Lodge, Lawrence, October 21st and 22d. Lectured officers on the 21st from 9, A. M., to 5, P. M. Lodge met in the evening. Visit of D. D. G. M. Work nearly perfect.

St. Matthew's Lodge, Andover, October 22. In the evening met the Lodge. Work on *second*; fifteen members present. October 23d, instruction day and evening; six present through the day, thirteen in the evening. October 24th, gave instruction in the morning to Master and Wardens. More instruction needed.

Solomon's Temple Lodge, Uxbridge, Oct. 28. Owing to political duties, could have the attendance of Master and Secretary only. Put off business to another time. Visited again Nov. 4, at 1 o'clock, P. M., conferred *third* and instructed until 6, P. M.; seventeen present. Reassembled at 7, P. M., conferred *first* and *second*. Nov. 5, met at 9, A. M. Master and five members present, and instructed all day. At 7, P. M., work and lectures; eight present. Nov. 6, met at 9, A. M., and instructed until half-past 11, A. M. Further instruction very necessary.

Montgomery Lodge, Milford, Oct. 29. Met a few members during the day. In the evening regular meeting, first two officers absent. Presided, conferred the *third* and closed at 11, P. M. The state election being near at hand, concluded to return home, after lecturing through the day of Oct. 30. Visited again Nov. 11. Met with a few members in the afternoon. In the evening work on *first* and *third*; thirty-six members present. Nov. 12, met day and evening; seven present in day time, thirteen in evening. Friday, Nov. 13, day and evening. Much more instruction needed.

Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, Nov. 6. Met in the evening with officers and thirteen members. Instructed them—good interest

manifested. Nov. 7, lectured forenoon and afternoon; eight present. Ceremonies in evening; ten present. Nov. 8, afternoon and evening; fourteen present. Nov. 9, with Master and Wardens and one member all day. More instruction required, though a few members have made good proficiency.

Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, Nov. 14. Met 2, P. M.; eighteen present, including Master and Wardens. In the evening, work on *first* and *sconit*; twentyfour present. Nov. 15, day and evening; twenty present, also D. D. G. M. Nov. 16, met at 9, A. M., and lectured all day; thirteen present. Worked on *third* in the evening; twentytwo present. The best feeling manifested towards Lecturer and a steady effort made to profit by his instruction. The Lodge defrayed the whole of his expenses with great cheerfulness. It now has every part of the work "in good shape."

Franklin Lodge, Grafton, Nov. 17. Met the Lodge at 2, P. M. The D. D. G. M., Brother Rawson, and fourteen members present. Met again in the evening; twelve present. Nov. 18, instructed three officers in the forenoon, and the Lodge in the afternoon and evening; nine present. The members are earnest and faithful in their Masonic duties, and with instructions from R. W. Brother Rawson, "will soon be in excellent working order."

Olive Branch Lodge, Sutton and Webster, Nov. 19. Went to Sutton, had an interview with the Master. "Owing to the members being much scattered, some in Sutton and some in Webster, and the limited notice which had been given" of the visit, it was thought best that the Lecturer should return to Grafton and spend the remainder of the week with the Brethren there. On invitation of Dr. Rawson, returned to his house. Dr. R. is "perfectly acquainted with the work and lectures," &c.

Mount Hope Lodge, Fall River. Started for Fall River at 8 o'clock, A. M. Met the Master and a few officers in the Lodge-room at 11 o'clock, and arranged for the meeting in the afternoon. Assembled at 2, P. M.; ten present. Employed the time to the duties of Master, Wardens and Deacons, who were much interested. In the evening went through Lodge ceremonies and initiated one candidate. Afterwards rehearsed on the first; twentytwo present. December 1st, instructed forenoon and afternoon,—Master, four officers and seven members present, who applied themselves very closely. Met again in the evening, at 7 o'clock, and conferred *third*. Afterwards instructed on various points; twenty-six present. There were great deviations in

this Lodge, which will require considerable practice and patience to correct. The officers and members see the necessity of uniformity, and are anxious to be led into the right path.

King David's Lodge, Taunton, December 2. Went to Taunton. Met the Brethren at the Lodge-room during the day; proceeding in the same manner as at Fall River; eleven present. In the evening twentyseven present. Dec. 9. met at 9, A. M. Instructed through the day and evening; nine present in the day time and twenty-six in the evening. The Master and Wardens were constant in attendance and anxious to get correct work. Instruction was much needed, but with care and perseverance on the part of the officers, this Lodge will ere long become thoroughly proficient.

St. Alban's Lodge, Foxboro', December 4. Met the Master, Senior Warden, and Senior Deacon, in the afternoon, and instructed them in the first and second. Instructed again in the evening; the Master, Senior Warden, Deacons and three members present. Dec. 5, met at residence of the Master and gave instruction. This Lodge is now in good working condition, and is laboring hard to render its members perfect workmen.

Star-in-the-East Lodge, New Bedford, December 14. Met a few of its officers in the afternoon. In the evening met in Lodge-room at half-past 6 o'clock. Conferred the third, and afterwards gave instruction; sixtyfour present. December 15, met at 9, A. M., instructed on first; twentytwo present. In the afternoon, on the second; twentyseven present. In the evening, on the third; fortyfive present. The mode of work as heretofore practised, varies somewhat from the required form; but very slightly in comparison from that of other Lodges in this section of the State. *Eureka Lodge, U. D.*, of this city, also met with Star-in-the-East Lodge, and took part in proceedings—a friendly feeling exists between both.

Fellowship Lodge, West Bridgewater, December 16. Instructed three officers in a private room, in the evening. December 17, met in a room at South Bridgewater; ten present. A small Lodge; members live a good way apart, the Master and half of the members residing in the south part of the town, while the Lodge meetings are held in the west part. Very much instruction is here required.

Paul Revere Lodge, North Bridgewater, December 18. Went to North Bridgewater, and at 9, A. M., found thirteen members waiting at the Lodge-room. Worked and lectured on first. Good interest manifested. In the afternoon continued instruction on second and

third. In the evening conferred the *third*, &c.; sixteen members and twelve visitors from Weymouth present. December 19, met the Master and officers at Lodge-room and gave to them general instruction. Much pleased with this new Lodge, for young as it is, it works more correctly than most of the older ones in that vicinity. The officers are intelligent, active and zealous, and under the government of such Brethren the Lodge will soon be in excellent condition.

R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, SPECIAL G. LECTURER.

Chicopee Lodge, Chicopee, September 9. Gave instruction in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. Remained three days. Good attention and interest manifested on the part of members. There was need of instruction. Sept. 18, lectured day and evening. The Lodge much improved.

Mount Tom Lodge, Holyoke, September 12. Remained here five days, meeting at 9, A. M., and at 2, P. M.; lecturing in the day time and practising in the evening. Most serious deviations were found here, but there is reason to believe they are nearly corrected. On returning from Greenfield, again visited this Lodge. The D. D. G. M. of the District is a member of this Lodge. He is in full possession of the Lectures.

Republican Lodge, Greenfield, September 22. Remained three days, and passed another day with it on returning from Shelburne Falls. It has now the work and lectures in tolerably good condition.

Mountain Lodge, Shelburne Falls. After the termination of his first visit to Republican Lodge, the Lecturer gave his attention to this Lodge during three days. The members gave regular attendance upon his instruction, and earnestly requested him to re-visit them.

Jerusalem Lodge, Northampton. Ambition was here manifested to obtain the work and lectures of our Grand Lodge. Lectured several days, receiving strict attention from the members.

Marine Lodge, Falmouth, November 12. Six members of this Lodge, all who were at home, gave attention to the Lecturer. There were also three other Brethren present. In constant drill during five days, farther instruction is greatly needed.

Mount Horeb Lodge, Harwich. This Lodge was found in better condition than that at Falmouth, although a sad deficiency in the pro-

per standard of work and lecturing soon became apparent. Several members from Benjamin Franklin Lodge, Dennis, attended the meetings of the Lodge. Labored here six days.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge, Dennis. Met with some of the members of this and of Harwich Lodge, during one day. Many members being absent, deferred instruction until after election of officers.

King Hiram Lodge, Provincetown. Pleased to report it was in pretty good condition on the first and second : not so proficient on the third. After instructing four days, left it in good working order.

Union Lodge, Nantucket, December 14. Remained giving instruction during five days, with good success, though more lecturing here would be beneficial.

Fraternal Lodge, Barnstable, (Hyannis.) Lectured here seven days. Good attendance and attention. The members appreciate the importance of uniformity in the work and lectures. Further instruction would not be without benefit.

LIST OF LODGES.

THE following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge:—

First District.

R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Newton.

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| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Mount Taber, East Boston, (1846.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1853.) |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Winslow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) | Revere, Boston, (1857.) |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Pequosette, Watertown, (1857.) |

Second District.

R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, Newburyport.

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| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1760.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1768.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1832.) |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM NORTH, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |

Fourth District.

R. W. LEVI RAWSON, Farnumsville.

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| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, (1818.) |
| Olive Branch, Sutton and Webster, (1797.) | Franklin, Grafton, (1852.) |
| | Blackstone River, Blackstone, (1856.) |

Fifth District.

R. W. LUCIEN B. KEITH, North Bridgewater.

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| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) | Paul Revere, North Bridgewater, (1857.) |
| Rural, Quincy, (1801.) | |
| Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) | |

Sixth District.

R. W. HENRY EARL, Worcester.

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| Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) | Meridian, Natick, (1797.) |
| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) |

Seventh District.

R. W. GEORGE H. TABER, Fairhaven.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1798.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |
| St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) | Eureka, New Bedford, U. D. |
| Star in the East, N. Bedford, (1823.) | |

Eighth District.**R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, Hyannis.**

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| King Hiram, Provincetown, (1796.) | Mount Horeb, Harwich, (1855) |
| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | Benj. Franklin, Dennis, (1855) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1801.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1858) |
| Union, Nantucket, (1801.) | |

Ninth District.**R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, Springfield.**

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| Cincinnatus, G. Barrington, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Lafayette, Adams, (North.) (1796) | Bethel, Enfield, (1825.) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856) |
| Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) | Berkshire, Adams, (Sou. h.), U. D. |

Tenth District.**R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, Holyoke.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |

Eleventh District.**R. W. CHARLES B. ROGERS, Charlestown.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Wyoming, Melrose, (1857.) |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1843.) | Mount Vernon, Malden, U. D. |
| Putnam, East Cambridge, (1856.) | John Abbot, Somerville, U. D. |
| Mount Hermon, Medford, (1856.) | |

Twelfth District.**R. W. CLEMANT A. WALKER, South Boston.**

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| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) |
| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Gate of the Temple, South Boston, |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | (1856.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, (1857.) |

CHARLES T. WARD, Jr., Special Deputy.

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| Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1855), | Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, |
| | S. A., U. D. |

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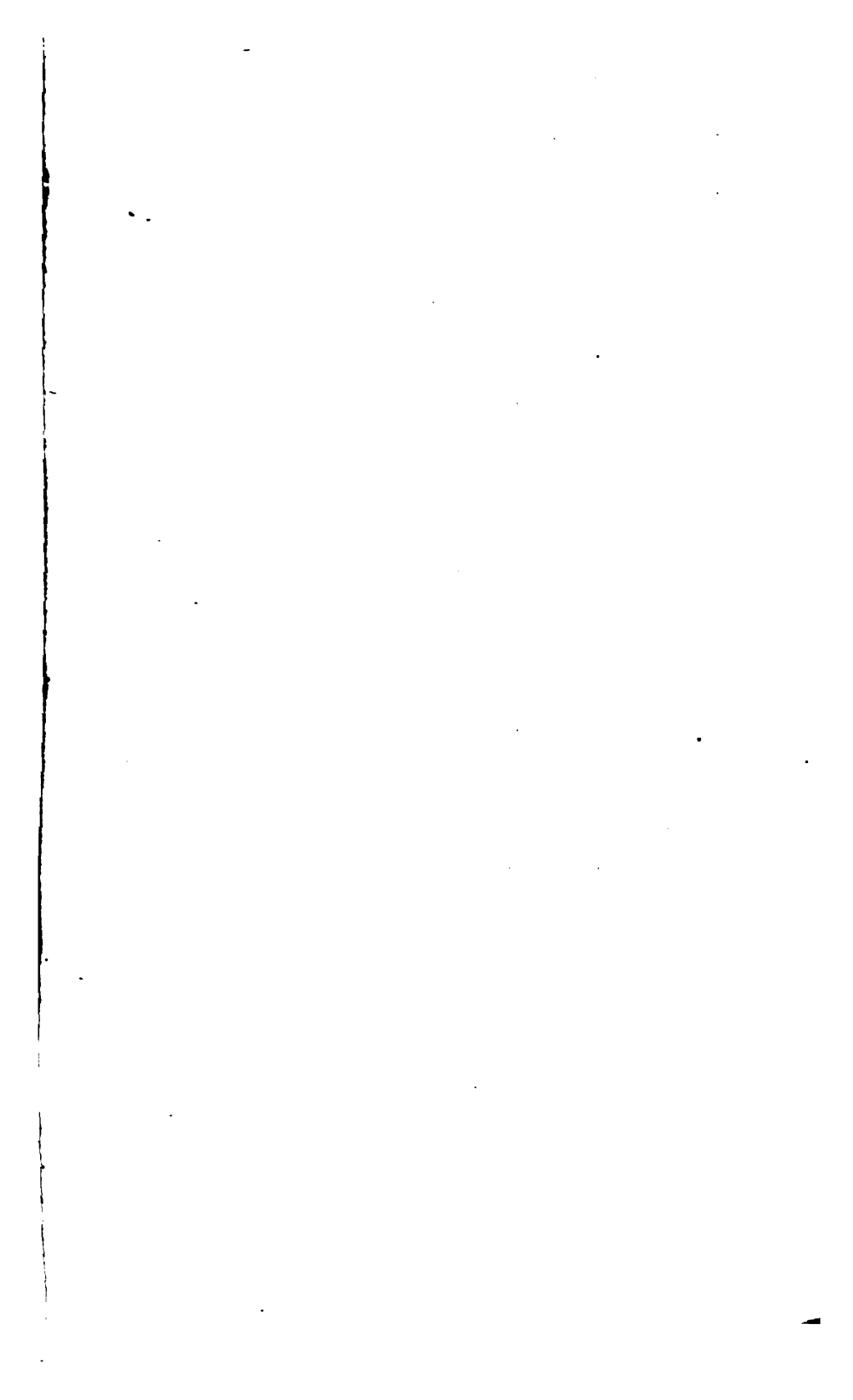
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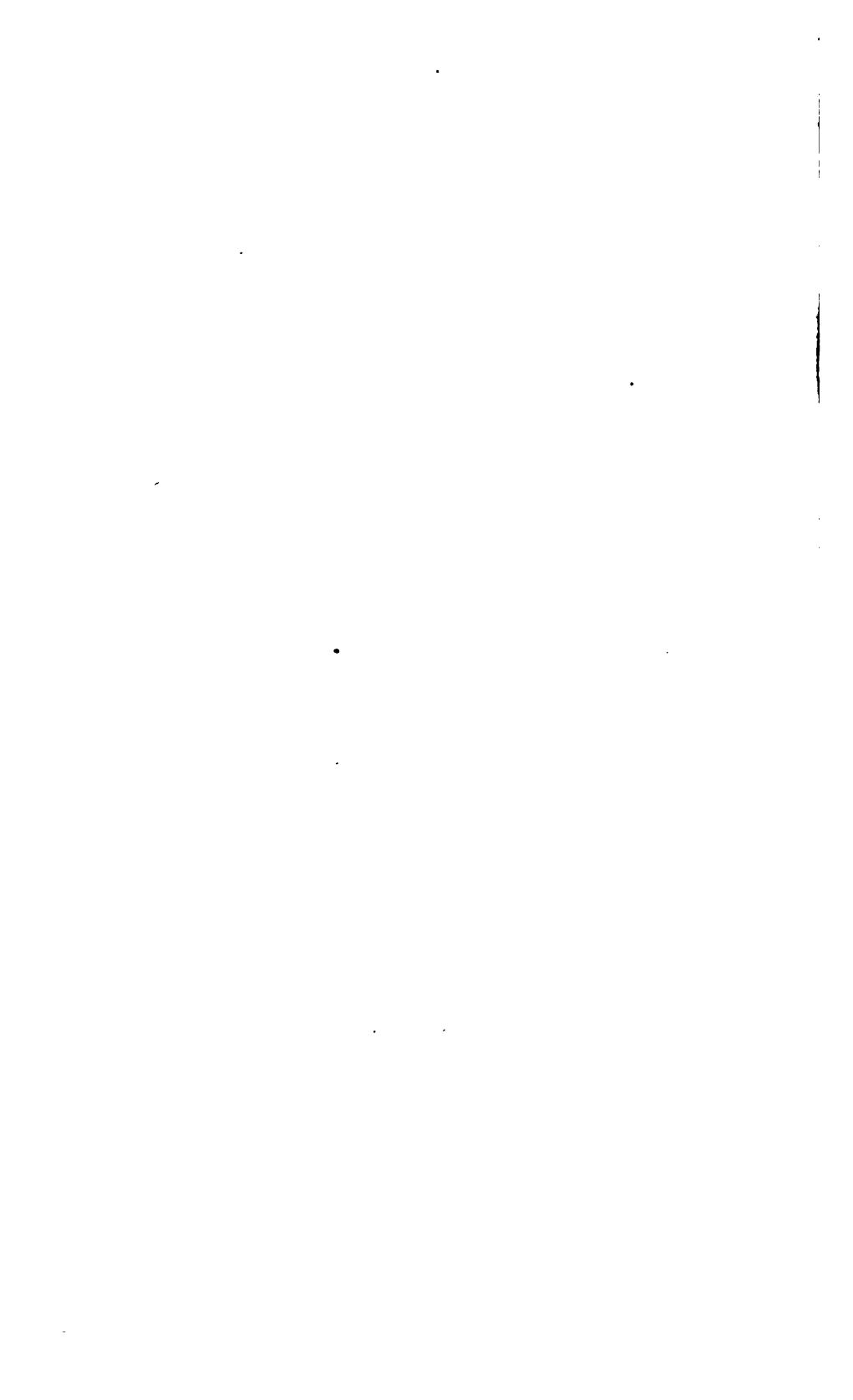
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THE
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FROM
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 10, A. L. 5858.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, March 10, A. L. 5858, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.

R. W. William Flint, D. G. M.

“ **Henry Goddard, S. G. W.**

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“ **John Low,**

“ **W. W. Wheildon,**

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“ **John Alden,**

“ **J. P. Pattee,**

“ **William C. Martin, G. Lecturer.**

“ **Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.**

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| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |
| " Clemant A. Walker, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Prayer by R. W. Brother Pickman.

The By-Laws of St. Mathew's Lodge were presented for approval, and referred to Bros. Dame, Perkins, and Follensbee. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

REPORT.

In Grand Lodge, March 10, 1858.

The Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of St. Matthew's Lodge for examination, have attended to that duty, and respectfully Report, that the said By-Laws are in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and they recommend the approval of the same.

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| A. A. DAME, | } Com. |
| JOHN PERKINS, | |
| I. W. FOLLENSBEE, | |

The M. W. Grand Master submitted a communication from the Grand Orient of Peru, which was laid over until the next Quarterly Meeting. He also presented a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, which was ordered to be placed on file.

R. W. Brother Wells, from the Committee of Charity, submitted a Report of their doings the past quarter, which was approved.

On motion of R. W. Brother Lewis, the mover, and Brothers Greenwood and Marshall, were appointed a Committee, with full powers, to ascertain and pay one half of whatever expenses may have been incurred in the erection of the Monument at Mount Auburn to the memory of the late R. W. Brother Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain

in the U. S. Navy, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Masonic District of this Commonwealth.

The following communication from the W. Master of Wyoming Lodge, was received and referred to Brothers Robinson, Fellows, and Dean :—

Melrose, March 10, 1858.

M. W. G. M. John T. Heard—Wyoming Lodge has duly voted to hold the regular meetings of the Lodge on the *fourth*, instead of the *second* Wednesday evening of each month—and the Lodge respectfully asks the Grand Lodge to approve the change.

J. S. DENNIS, *Master.*

The Committee on the above application learn that the above alteration has been regularly made in the By-Laws of Wyoming Lodge, and recommend that the alteration be approved by the G. Lodge.

S. W. ROBINSON, }
J. F. FELLOWS, } *Committee.*
BENJ. DEAN, }

The Report was adopted and the alteration approved.

R. W. Bro. Pickman offered the following Report, which was fully discussed and adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, March 10, A. L. 5858.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mount Hope Lodge, at Fall River, asking for a remission of the dues of said Lodge for the past year, having considered the subject, ask leave to

R E P O R T :

That on the first of September last, a hall which had been recently fitted up for the use of Mount Hope Lodge, was consumed by fire, by which a loss was sustained amounting to six hundred dollars—an insurance for three hundred dollars has since been settled for two hundred and fifty dollars ; the dues now asked to be remitted amount to one hundred and twentyfive dollars. Mount Hope Lodge is now fitting up a new Hall, and your Committee, by a personal visit of one of their number, have ascertained the Lodge to be in a very flourishing state and with good prospects for the future.

After much thought on the subject, your Committee have come to the unanimous conclusion that it is not expedient for the Grand Lodge to remit the dues paid by Mount Hope Lodge, and therefore Report, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

C. GAYTON PICKMAN, }
ENOCH HOBART, } *Committee.*
CALEB RAND, }

At the request of the Chairman, the Committee on the Amendment of the Constitutions, proposed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, had further time granted them in which to make their report.

On motion of R. W. Brother Lewis, the Committee on procuring a site for a new Temple had further time granted them.

R. W. Brother Dame, in behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of a reduction of the fees paid by the Lodges on their initiates, submitted a Report, which was discussed, and on motion of Brother Dean, laid on the table until the next Annual Communication.

Whereupon, on motion of R. W. Brother Harwood, it was

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to give seasonable notice to the members of the Grand Lodge that the subject would at that time come up for consideration.

A communication from the President of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, was presented, read, and ordered on file.

On motion, R. W. Brothers Randall, Paige, and Davis were appointed a Committee, with full powers, to procure such additional Jewels for the Past Officers of the Grand Lodge, and such additional regalia for the District Deputy Grand Masters as may be needed.

W. Brother Benjamin Dean submitted the following Report, which was adopted, and a copy ordered to be furnished for the Freemasons' Magazine :—

To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

The Committee to whom was referred, with full powers, the application for the restoration of the Charter of Bethel Lodge, of Enfield, were waited upon by a committee of the petitioners, consisting of Brothers J. B. Woods and Ichabod Pope, who gave them such information as induced your Committee to decide unanimously in favor of the

application. The Charter has accordingly been restored. The seven petitioners all reside in Enfield. There are in all sixteen members of the Lodge now surviving. Enfield itself is a town of about eleven hundred inhabitants. There were, prior to the antimasonic invasion, Lodges in Belchertown, five miles, and in Ware, seven miles, distant. The nearest Lodge now, is at Palmer Depot, distant twelve miles. There are two others—one at Northampton, and one at Barre—distant eighteen and seventeen miles.

In the days of its prosperity, Bethel Lodge built a Hall, which was purchased, and is now owned by Brothers J. B. and Leonard Woods—two of the petitioners.

Nowhere were our Brethren more acrimoniously persecuted during the dark ages, than at Enfield. Their Lodge-room was broken open, and their jewels stolen and divided among the thieves, as a reward for their virtuous and valorous attacks upon their peaceful and law abiding neighbors.

The Records and seal were preserved; and the more bulky furniture, but little injured, now remains the property of the Lodge.

Since that time, now a quarter of a century, the Lodge-room has remained as it was left, awaiting the time when the sound of the gavel should again call order out of chaos; and the Brethren to renew their peaceful labors.

The Brethren to whom the Charter has been restored, are among the most worthy and wealthy of the town. They are full of Masonic zeal—and rejoice in the restoration of a Charter identified with their early Masonic years; that, in their old Hall and in their ancient seats, with a large and bountiful field before them, and with the mysteries of Masonry safely deposited in their faithful breasts, they may rebuild the Lodge of their youth in Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

"Truth, crushed to earth shall rise again."

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| BENJAMIN DEAN, | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| WILLIAM W. BAKER, | |
| WILLIAM C. MARTIN, | |

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past 4 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Randall.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—JUNE 9, A. L. 5858.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday, June 9, A. L. 5858, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Rev. William Flint, D. G. M.
 " Henry Goddard, S. G. W.
 " Isaac H. Wright, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.
 W. William S. Gardner, Grand Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " William W. Baker, J. G. D.
 " John Low,
 " W. W. Wheildon, } G. Stewards.
 " S. M. Hunt, }
 " P. C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Earl, | " No. 6. |
| " Geo. H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the record of the last Quarterly Communication was read.

Brother Benjamin E. Cook, of Northampton, was recognized as proxy for Jerusalem Lodge, for the present Communication.

The By-Laws of Morning Star, Evening Star, and

Social Harmony and Monitor Lodges, were presented for approval, and referred to Brothers Sheppard, Follansbee and Hill, which Committee subsequently offered the following Reports, which were adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of the Evening Star, Social Harmony and Monitor Lodges, hereby respectfully

REPORT,

That they have examined the By-Laws of the several Lodges aforesaid and find them in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and there being no objection which has come to their knowledge, they hereby recommend each of said codes to be approved and confirmed.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
I. W. FOLLANSBEE.
JOHN B. HILL.

The Committee to whom was referred the Code of By Laws of Morning Star Lodge, respectfully

REPORT,

That they have examined said code and find it in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

But there being on file a Protest against the same, signed by fifteen members of said Lodge, your Committee make a special Report and submit the question of approval to the Grand Lodge.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
I. W. FOLLANSBEE.
JOHN B. HILL.

In connection with the adoption of the latter Report, the R. W. Brother Randall offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That the By-Laws of Morning Star Lodge, as submitted for the approval, be returned to the W. Master of said Lodge with instructions to be further considered at a meeting of the Lodge to be notified for the purpose.

A duly certified copy of the proceedings had before Essex Lodge, on charges against Brother Charles P. Gould, a member of said Lodge, for unmasonic conduct, was presented and referred to Brothers Paige, Hutchinson and Rogers, which Committee subsequently submitted the

following Report, which was adopted and the decision of the Lodge confirmed :—

In Grand Lodge, June 9, 1858.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Essex Lodge, have considered the same, and respectfully

R E P O R T .

It appears from the documents therewith submitted, that charges were duly made against C. P. Gould, a member of said Lodge, for unmasonic conduct; that after due trial, the Lodge unanimously pronounced him guilty, and thereupon it was

Voted, That C. P. Gould be expelled from the rights and privileges of Free and Accepted Masons, for unmasonic conduct.

The proceedings in the case appear to have been regular, and the Committee recommend that the action of Essex Lodge in the premises be approved, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE.
C. E. HUTCHINSON.
WM. RODGERS.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, relative to the purchase of the Mount Vernon Estate, was presented, read, and referred to Brothers Warren, Wells, W. T. Davis, W. Flint and Paige.

A Circular from a Committee of Hawaiian Lodge, at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, was presented, and referred to Brothers Robinson, G. B. Eaton and Sleeper.

R. W. Brother Wells, from the Committee of Relief, submitted a Report of their doings the past quarter, which was approved.

A copy of the By-Laws of St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston, was presented, and referred to Brothers Paige, C. E. Hutchinson and Rogers, who subsequently reported, through their Chairman, that they be approved, which was adopted.

A communication from the National Grand Orient of Peru, was presented, and referred to Brothers W. Flint, Marshall and M. A. Moore.

The Brethren of Eureka Lodge, at New Bedford, having worked for the constitutional period under a Dispensation, returned the same, and prayed that a Charter might be issued to them instead thereof, but there being a slight deficiency in the returns, the subject was referred to the Grand Master, with power to order the Charter to be issued when the requirements of the Constitution shall have been complied with.

The R. W. Rev. Bro. Randall announced the death of the venerable and beloved Brother, Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., and offered the following resolutions, which were seconded in feeling and appropriate terms, by R. W. Bro. C. Gayton Pickman, and unanimously adopted :—

Whereas, it having pleased our Divine Master to remove from the labors of earth to the rest of Heaven, the soul of our venerable and venerated Brother, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and a Past Deputy Grand Master—therefore

Resolved, That we cherish in fraternal remembrance the many Masonic virtues which adorned the life of our departed Brother—that we honor his memory for the lustre which his spotless character—his consistency as a man—his firmness as a Mason, and his meekness as a Christian, shed upon our beloved fraternity.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Records of this Grand Lodge as a memorial of our appreciation of the life and character of a faithful Brother, whose spirit has ascended to that Temple above, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, at half-past 5 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Randall.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 8, A. L. 5858.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, A. L. 5858, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Henry Goddard, S. G. W.
 " Isaac H. Wright, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain p. t.
 " William S. Gardner, Grand Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " William W. Baker, J. G. D.
 " Peter Wainwright,
 " John Low,
 " W. W. Wheildon, } G. Stewards.
 " S. M. Hunt,
 " P. C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
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D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, | " No. 4. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |
| " Clement A. Walker, | " No. 12. |

The G. Lodge was opened in ample form. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced in appropriate terms the death of the R. W. Past Grand Master, Francis J. Oliver, Esq.

Whereupon, the R. W. C. Gayton Pickman offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

In Grand Lodge, Sept. 8, A. L. 1858.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call to his mercy our late Brother, Francis J. Oliver, the eldest Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, it is hereby

Resolved, That in this removal of Past Grand Master Oliver to the retributions of the other world, this Grand Lodge regards his loss as that of one, who, in all the relations of life, and more especially as a Master of the oldest Lodge under this jurisdiction, and as G. Master of this Grand Lodge, was most truly faithful—presiding with a mingled directness and urbanity most honorable to himself and most useful to the fraternity—who, although in the providence of God, for a long time withdrawn from active service among us, never lost his interest in our welfare.

We also recognize with gratitude the fact, that under his mastership this Grand Lodge was allowed the happiness of laying the corner stone of the Massachusetts General Hospital, which has done so much to relieve bodily and mental suffering.

We also desire most deeply to feel, as one of our oldest members after another is taken from us, the necessity of renewed and vigorous work, that we too may be held not unworthy to follow them through similar courses of duty here to similar rewards hereafter.

The By-Laws of Cincinnatus, Wyoming, Hampden and Hiram Lodges, were presented for approval, and referred to Brothers Goddard, Dean and Marshall, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Cincinnatus Lodge, of Wyoming Lodge, of Hampden Lodge and of Hiram Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T,

That they find the By-Laws of Cincinnatus Lodge in accordance with the requirements of the Constitutions and Masonic Law, with the following exceptions:—

First. The fifth article requires all persons who receive any Masonic degree in said Lodge, to pay quarterages as if they were members for an unlimited extent of time.

There is no provision for a cessation of this contribution even when

such Brethren become members of other Lodges. Besides, in most instances it is not probable that the candidate can be sufficiently aware of this provision prior to receiving the degrees.

The Lodge may, however, put a more limited construction upon this provision in actual practice.

Your Committee is not prepared to say that such a provision is beyond the authority of Cincinnatus Lodge, but recommend that they be requested to discontinue said provision.

Second. The sixth article forbids the balloting for candidates for the degrees, unless the report of the Committee of investigation shall be favorable.

Your Committee consider this provision as fundamentally wrong, and recommend that the By-Laws be returned to the Lodge, with instructions to amend said provision, by striking therefrom the word "favorable," and that said By-Laws shall take effect when so amended by the Lodge.

The 2d section of Art. 2d of the By-Laws of Wyoming Lodge, providing for election of elective officers to fill vacancies occurring during the year, without a Dispensation therefor, being not in accordance with Masonic Law, your Committee recommend that the By-Laws be returned to said Lodge, and that they take effect when said article is amended by the omitting of said provision, or making provision for the obtaining the requisite Dispensation to fill such vacancies.

Your Committee also recommend that the 2d section of Art. 4 of the By-Laws of Hampden Lodge, which is as follows—"No application shall be withdrawn after once submitted to a ballot, except by unanimous consent," be amended by striking therefrom all after the word ballot, and that the By-Laws take effect and be in force after they are so amended.

The By-Laws of Hiram Lodge are recommended for approval as unexceptional.

BENJ. DEAN, *for the Committee.*

Boston, Sept. 8, 1858.

The R. W. Bro. Warren offered the following Report, which was adopted, and the Corresponding G. Secretary directed to transmit a copy of the same to the G. Lodge of Virginia :—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed at the last quarterly communication to consider the Resolutions and Circular Letter received from the Grand

Lodge of Virginia and report thereon, have attended to that duty, and instructed me to report the following resolutions.

Per order of the Com.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has received with emotions of the deepest interest the Circular Letter and Resolutions of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, proposing that upon the recommendation of the several Grand Lodges in the United States, a Masonic contribution of one dollar be made by each member of all the subordinate Lodges towards a fund for the purchase of Mount Vernon; and this Grand Lodge does hereby pledge herself to make such a recommendation to the subordinate Lodges within her jurisdiction, wherever a notice shall hereafter be given by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, that the co-operation of the other Grand Lodges in the Union has been secured.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hails with great satisfaction the measures which have already been adopted by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, and sincerely trusts that the efforts which that patriotic association are now making throughout the country to secure the sums necessary to complete the payments for the purchase of Mount Vernon, under their contract, and to obtain possession of that consecrated ground before the 22d day of February next, may be crowned with complete success.

Resolved, That, should the Ladies' Association not succeed in obtaining possession of Mount Vernon by the 22d day of February next, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it will then be the imperative duty as well as the precious privilege of the Masonic Fraternity of the Union to come forward, and by one resolute and unanimous effort, supply what may be wanting to secure the Home and Grave of Washington for the public, sacred to the grateful regards and affectionate reverence of the whole country.

R. W. Bro. Rawson presented the Charter of Olive Branch Lodge, with the petition of said Lodge, that it may hereafter be allowed to hold its meetings exclusively in the town of Sutton, and that its Charter may be endorsed accordingly, which request was granted.

Petitions were presented from Berkshire Lodge, at South Adams; Mount Vernon, at Malden; and John Abbot, at Somerville, praying for Charters, they severally

having worked the constitutional term under Dispensations. The petitions and accompanying papers were referred to Bros. Sheppard, Tolman and Martin, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of Berkshire Lodge, of Adams, Mount Vernon Lodge, at Malden, and John Abbot Lodge, of Somerville, praying for Charters, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they have examined the By-Laws of Berkshire Lodge and find them conformable to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and their Records appear to have been faithfully kept, and all dues having been paid—your Committee therefore recommend that a Charter be granted.

They have examined the By-Laws of Mount Vernon Lodge and find them conformable to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and the Records of said Lodge appear to have been faithfully kept; all dues having been paid, your Committee recommend that a Charter be granted.

And they have also examined the By-Laws of John Abbot Lodge, and, as amended, find them conformable to the Constitutions of the G. Lodge—they have also examined the Records of said Lodge, kept in a handsome volume with remarkable neatness and accuracy, and all dues having been paid, your Committee recommend that a Charter be granted.

JOHN H. SHEPPARD.
THOMAS TOLMAN.
WM. C. MARTIN.

Sept. 8, 1858.

R. W. Bro. Robinson presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred a Circular from the Lodge at Honolulu, (Sandwich Island,) have considered the subject, and ask leave to

R E P O R T ,

That Hawaiian Lodge, at Honolulu, a working Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, is in want of *material aid* to enable it to erect a new Masonic edifice of its own, and that it may the more effectually fulfil the mission of *charity* which its peculiar and isolated position has assigned it, solicits such assistance as may be in the power of this Grand Lodge to give.

The Circular also represents that Hawaiian Lodge, in consequence

of its central position upon the great thoroughfare of travel and navigation between the old and new worlds, is subject to frequent and pressing applications for charity, a majority of which come from abroad; and as a large portion of its funds which should go to relieve the necessities and administer to the wants of the destitute, is unfortunately swallowed up by rents and other unavoidable expenses, its annual income is found to be painfully inadequate to the claims of Masonry and humanity upon its treasury. But, says the Circular, if it could procure the means of building a Masonic Hall of its own that would furnish it not only with a Lodge-room rent free, but with a basement which would bring some revenue, it would thus, at the same time, reduce its present heavy expenses and increase its means of enlarging its charities in proportion, as the calls upon it should grow more frequent.

Although your Committee deeply sympathize with the Brethren of Honolulu, and sincerely hope their efforts to build a Hall of their own will prove successful, yet they *do not*, and *cannot*, recommend, under existing circumstances, that this Grand Lodge shall send its funds, or any portion of them, to that far distant country, while they are needed quite as much at home as there.

He that will not provide for his own household, says the proverb, "is worse than an infidel," and it is as true now as when these memorable words were first uttered. Our own Grand Lodge will very soon be destitute of a Hall—these commodious apartments which it has occupied for a quarter of a century, and which were reared in the midst of a fierce and unhallowed persecution, will soon pass into other hands. This may be, and probably is, the last time we shall meet in this Hall; the necessity therefore is forced upon us of providing another place for its accommodations, which will require all the means at our disposal. Its claims are paramount, and if we hope to escape the imputation of "*infidels*," we must attend to them. To enable us to do *this*, we must bring down our current expenses to a point far below what they have some times reached, practice the most rigid economy, and limit our appropriations to the absolute wants of the institution.

In view of these facts, and the present low state of our finances, your Committee recommend that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

All of which is submitted.

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| S. W. ROBINSON, | } Committee. |
| E. G. EATON, | |
| C. F. SLEEPER, | |

At this stage of the proceedings, the M. W. G. Master called for a Report from the Trustees of the Temple, relative to the sale of the same—

Whereupon, the R. W. Bro. Paige, in the absence of the President of the Board of Trustees, laid before the Grand Lodge a clear and precise verbal narrative of the negotiations had with the government of the United States relative to the sale and transfer of the property, and of the causes which had occasioned delay in the execution of the necessary papers. At the conclusion of which, the R. W. Bro. Lewis offered the following Vote, which was fully discussed and adopted :—

Voted, That the Trustees of the Masonic Temple be, and they are hereby instructed to furnish the evidence of title, as required by the Government of the United States, and to cause a quit-claim deed of the premises to be prepared in the usual form, and submitted for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior—and when approved by him, to execute the same on the conditions already agreed for between them and the government, and in accordance with the usual mode of settlement between the government and individuals in the purchase of property.

The following Resolution, offered by the R. W. Bro. W. H. L. Smith, was then adopted :—

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts be, and hereby are, requested and empowered to concur in the sale of the Masonic Temple to the United States Government, and to release to the Trustees of the Masonic Temple any and all interest that the first named Trustees have in said estate, and to do any other act, or execute any papers that may be necessary on their part to be done or executed, to enable the Trustees of the Masonic Temple to give a good title to the United States of the estate aforesaid.

The Committee of Charity presented their Report, which was adopted.

The R. W. Bro. Randall offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, Boston, Sept. 8, 1858.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the annual Address of the Grand Master, as related to the fees for the restoration of Charters, beg leave to

R E P O R T ,

That in their opinion, it is expedient that on the restoration of the Charter of a Lodge, the same fee shall be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, as is required by the Constitution for issuing a new Charter.

There may be circumstances which will render the operation of such a law a burden, which it will be inexpedient, and perhaps unjust to impose ; such cases would be exceptions to the rule, and might be readily provided for by a vote of the Grand Lodge, remitting the fee.

In accordance with this opinion, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the fee for the restoration of a Charter shall be the same as that required for issuing a new Charter, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of this Grand Lodge.

For the Committee.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on papers from the Grand Orient, had further time.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, at half-past 5 o'clock.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 8, A. L. 5858.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Nassau Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, December 8th, A. L. 5858.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Rev. William Flint, D. G. M.
 " Henry Goddard, S. G. W.
 " Isaac H. Wright, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain p. t.
 " William S. Gardner, Grand Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " William W. Baker, J. G. D.
 " Peter Wainwright,
 " John Low,
 " W. W. Wheildon, } G. Stewards.
 " S. M. Hunt,
 " P. C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
 " Benj. F. Nourse,
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " L. B. Keith, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Dana, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Rev. Br. Flint presented a petition from

Republican Lodge, Greenfield, relative to the expulsion of Henry Wait, a former member of said Lodge, and asking the Grand Lodge to restore him to his privileges as a Mason; which petition was read and referred to Bros. Hall, Eaton and Earl. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Republican Lodge, asking permission to restore Henry Wait to his privileges as a Mason, respectfully

R E P O R T,

That they have, as minutely as possible, examined the case referred to them, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. K. HALL.
GEO. B. EATON.
HENRY EARL.

Bro. Stephen A. Tripp was recognized as Proxy for Eureka Lodge.

The R. W. Brother Warren verbally reported that pursuant to instructions at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, he had transmitted to the G. Lodge of Virginia a copy of the resolutions relative to the purchase of Mount Vernon, but as yet had received no reply thereto.

The R. W. Bro. Seavey presented a copy of the proceedings of St. Mark's Lodge, Newburyport, had in the trial and expulsion of John Ruter, and the same was referred to Bros. Hutchinson, M A. Moore and Bailey, for examination, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the action of St. Mark's Lodge, upon the charges against one of its members, beg leave to

R E P O R T,

That they have examined the charges, and also the action of the Lodge upon the same, and find the trial to have been conducted in accordance with the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend the action of the Lodge in the premises to be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

S. K. HUTCHINSON, *Chairman*.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge an abstract of the proceedings of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund for the past year.

The annual statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Trustees of the Temple for the past year, was presented.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The undersigned Committee, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Morning Star Lodge, Union Lodge, and Philanthropic Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they find said codes of By-Laws to conform to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that they be approved.

BENJ. DEAN.
W. MARSHALL.
WM. PARKMAN.

Dec. 8, 1858.

R. W. Brother Lewis offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

R E P O R T .

Boston, Dec. 8, 1858.

The Committee on the Library, Report, that the collection is gradually increasing in value and interest. A full catalogue has been prepared both of a systematic and alphabetical character, and your Committee can Report, that this Library of our Grand Lodge may now be ranked as worthy of the name of a Masonic Library.

For the Committee,

WINSLOW LEWIS.

The Report of the Committee of Finance was presented and approved.

The R. W. Brother Lewis offered a verbal Report in behalf of the Committee on temporary apartments, which was adopted.

W. Brother Wyzeman Marshall offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

Boston, Dec. 8, 1858.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Lima, Capital of the Republic of Peru, have attended to their duty, and respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

We find the person calling himself Colonel Santiago Flores, referred to in the communication from Lima, arrived in this country in the fall or winter of 1851. He represented himself to be the agent of some public enterprise in the Republic of Peru, and that his immediate object in visiting the United States was to facilitate the business in which he was engaged.

Whether this statement be true or false, your Committee have no means of ascertaining. He also represented himself as holding the office of Junior Grand Warden in the G. Lodge of Peru—as such he was courteously received by this Grand Lodge—he was treated with much respect by many Brethren as a representative of this fraternity in a sister Republic. Your Committee, however, regret to state that from the communication now under consideration—which is signed by Antonio de Sousa Ferreyre, Grand Master, and Raymundo Rosas Morales, Grand Secretary of the National Grand Orient of Peru, that in this and other particulars he practised gross deception—that his Colonelship was but assumed, and so far as he claimed to be connected officially with the Grand Lodge or Grand Orient of Peru to be false, he being simply a Master Mason, and never was officially or otherwise connected with that Grand Body.

Your Committee are of opinion, that his conduct deserves the severest censure from this Grand Lodge, and are greatly obliged to our Brethren of Peru for giving us this information, and assure them that they shall receive our co-operation to the fullest extent to uphold the dignity of our ancient institution and to discountenance impostors.

Which is respectfully submitted by

WM. FLINT,
W. MARSHALL,
M. AURELIUS MOORE, } Com.

The M. W. G. Master offered the following Report in behalf of the Committee on procuring a site for a new Temple, which was adopted, and further time granted to the Committee to complete their labors:—

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to select, and if they deem it expedient, to secure by

bond, one or more lots of land in some central location suitable for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, &c., beg leave respectfully to

R E P O R T,

That they have examined a large number of estates; several of which are admirably adapted for the erection thereon of a Masonic Temple, but they have been unable to secure either of them by bond. The brief time that has elapsed since it became certain that the sale of the old Temple would be consummated, has not afforded to your Committee sufficient opportunity to bring their negotiations to that point, which it is desirable to attain, before presenting them to the G. Lodge. The commodious temporary Masonic apartments in Nassau Hall render it unnecessary to precipitate the enterprise of erecting a new Temple, and therefore the fullest time may be taken that shall be requisite to obtain a desirable location, and erect thereon an appropriate structure.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

Boston, Dec. 7, 1858.

JOHN T. HEARD.

The following Report, laid over from the March communication, was taken from the table, and after a full and lengthy discussion, was rejected by a vote of one hundred twentyone *yeas*, to eight *nays* :—

R E P O R T.

In Grand Lodge, March 10, 1858.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of amending Section 10th of the 1st Article of the fourth Part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, have attended to that duty, and respectfully Report, that it is inexpedient to amend the same.

ABRAHAM A. DAME.

WM. S. GARDNER.

JOHN R. BRADFORD.

The question was then taken on the original proposition submitted, and referred at the Annual Communication in Dec. last, and carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote. The 10th Sec. of the 13th Art. of the 4th Part of the Constitutions, was therefore so amended as to reduce the fee paid by the Lodges to the Grand Lodge on their initiates, from *five* to *three* dollars, *per capita*.

The R. W. Bro. W. H. L. Smith offered the following Order, which was adopted :—

Ordered, That the District Deputy Grand Masters be authorized to hold quarterly meetings for the purpose of consulting upon any questions that may arise in the several Districts, for the discussion or action of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, and that the expenses of such meetings and of the officers attending the same, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Brother Wells, from the Committee of Relief, submitted a Report of their doings the past quarter, which was approved.

At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Lodge took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

At half-past 7 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Deputy Grand Master, who in the absence of the Grand Master, and as preparatory to the Election of Officers at 8 o'clock, appointed the R. W. Br. Lewis and W. Brs. Parmenter and Baker a Committee to collect and report the ballots.

He also ordered a return of the voters present to be made; from which it appeared that one hundred and thirteen votes might be legally cast.

The hour of 8 o'clock having arrived, the Committee appointed for the purpose were directed to collect the votes for Grand Master, and having attended to this duty reported the election of

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., of Boston.

Whereupon R. W. Brothers Lewis, Davis, Pickman, Raymond, and Robinson were appointed to wait upon the Grand Master elect and inform him of his election; and having attended to this duty they soon after returned with the Grand Master, who was received by the Deputy Grand

Master in a brief address, to which he returned a suitable response, thanking the Grand Lodge for its continued confidence, and accepting the office for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master having resumed the Chair, the elections proceed with the following results—the Grand Wardens for the past year having declined being considered candidates for re-election :—

W LORENZO H. GANWELL, of Pittsfield, Senior Grand Warden.

“ CHARLES ROBBINS, of Boston, Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. THOS. TOLMAN, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.

“ CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE;

R. W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER, WM. H. L. SMITH, SOLON THORNTON.

W. Br. William Parkman offered the following vote, which was discussed, and on motion of Br. Gardner, was referred to the Committee on the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Temple :—

Voted, That the Trustees of the Masonic Temple be directed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge the sum of money accruing from the sale of the Masonic Temple, and all other funds in their hands—the same to be invested by said Treasurer, in the city of Boston five per cent funds, under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens of this G. Lodge.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Installation of Officers on the 27th instant, viz :—Brothers Jones, Folsansbee, and Martin.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 10 o'clock.

STATED COMMUNICATION—DEC. 27, A. L. 5858.

A Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge was held, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitutions, on Monday, the 27th December, A. L. 5858, at Nassau Hall, in Boston.

P R E S E N T.

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Winslow Lewis, D. G. Master, p. t.
 " Henry Goddard, S. G. W.
 " Isaac H. Wright, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. Peter C. Jones, G. S. Bearer.
 " John Low, } G. Stewards.
 " W. W. Wheildon, }
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }

The Grand Lodge was opened at 9 o'clock in the morning. Prayer by R. W. Br. Pickman.

R. W. Br. Isaac H. Wright, in behalf of the Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Temple, submitted a Report and Resolutions, which were read, and, on motion of R. W. Br. Lewis was accepted, and the resolutions unanimously adopted, as follows:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to receive the sum of sixteen hundred and forty dollars and sixtyseven cents, from the Board of Directors of Masonic apartments, for rent due upon those apartments, and to give a receipt in full for all demands upon them for rent.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple be directed to pay over to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, the balance of money arising from the sale of the Temple, and all other funds in their hands; the same to be securely invested in approved stocks by the Finance Committee, under the direction of the Grand Master.

R. W. Br. Wright also offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Flint, as his Deputy for the ensuing year, installed him also. After which he announced the following

APPOINTMENTS:

- R. W. Rev. William Flint, of Greenfield, Deputy Grand Master.
 " G Washington Warren, of Charlestown, Cor. Grand Secretary.
 W. Rev Samuel Osgood, D. D., of Springfield, } Grand Chaplains.
 " Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., of Boston }
 " William S. Gardner, of Lowell, Grand Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, of Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
 " Wm. W. Baker, of Boston, Junior Grand Deacon.
 " Peter Wainwright, of Boston, }
 " John Low, of Chelsea, } Grand Stewards.
 " William W. Wheelton, of Concord, }
 " Sanford M. Hunt, of Roxbury, }
 " Peter C. Jones, of Boston, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " John Alden, of Randolph, } Grand Pursuivants.
 " J. P. Pattee, of West Cambridge, }
 " William C. Martin, of Boston, } Grand Lecturers.
 " Benjamin F. Nourse, of Cambridge, }
 Bro. Irving I. Harwood of Boston, Grand Organist
 " Samuel H. Gregory, of Boston, Grand Chorister.
 " Eben F. Gay, of Boston, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

| | District No. | |
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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, of Boston, | 1. | |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, of Newburyport, | " | 2. |
| " William North, of Lowell, | " | 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, M. D., of Farnumsville, | " | 4. |
| " Bradford L. Wales, M. D., of Randolph, | " | 5. |
| " John A. Dana, of Worcester, | " | 6. |
| " George H. Taber, of Fairhaven, | " | 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, | " | 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, of Springfield, | " | 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, of Holyoke, | " | 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, of Charlestown, | " | 11. |
| " John H. Sheppard, of Boston, | " | 12. |
| " Charles T. Ward, Special Deputy for Chili, South America. | | |

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

Brothers Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

Brothers Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Chas. W. Moore.

The District Deputy Grand Masters were then installed by the Grand Master, after which the remaining appointed officers were duly installed by the R. W. Deputy G.

Master, and the usual proclamation was made by the G. Marshal.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following

A D D R E S S .

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:—

It is a subject for congratulation that so many of the voters in this Grand Lodge, are permitted by a kind Providence to assemble together on this our one hundred and twentyfifth annual festival. As representatives and members of our venerable Order in Massachusetts, we have further cause of rejoicing in the prosperity and happiness which prevail generally in this jurisdiction; and that our relations with the Brotherhood everywhere are distinguished by friendly and brotherly intercourse. It is also a subject of congratulation that we are favored with the presence of many of our older Brethren, to whom we are indebted for wise and prudent counsels, and many examples of fidelity and heroism in the days of trial and adversity. And though we ardently desire that they may long remain with us and continue to unite with us in our hours of refreshment, if not in our hours of labor, yet we are reminded, but too often, that their number is lessening; that their ranks are becoming thinner and thinner as year after year rolls away. Scarcely does this festive period return that it is not clouded by the announcement of the decease of a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, ripe with age and beloved by us all; and I regret to add that this occasion is saddened by recollections of recent mournful events.

Past Grand Master, Francis J. Oliver, died on the 21st of August last, in Middletown, Conn., where he had principally resided after his removal from Boston. He was born in Boston on the 10th of October, 1777, and was, therefore, nearly eightyone years old at the time of his death. He was a graduate of Harvard University of the class of 1795. After leaving college he engaged in commercial pursuits, which, though varied in their results, he conducted with ability and with honor to himself. Early in life he was made a Mason in Saint John's Lodge, in Boston, over which he subsequently presided with dignity and efficiency. In December, 1808, he was elected Junior Grand Warden, which station he occupied one year; and at the close of that term he consecutively served three years as Senior Grand Warden, four years as Deputy Grand Master and three years as Grand

Master; closing his long and brilliant official career in December, 1819. Of the term during which he was Deputy Grand Master, the first year was under Grand Master Timothy Bigelow, and the remainder of it under Grand Master Benjamin Russell. During his administration as Grand Master, the act of incorporation in favor of this Grand Lodge was passed by the legislature—June 16, 1817. "Throughout his long and honorable life, he was the steadfast Mason, —one ever ready to support the principles and practices of the Order, whether in its prosperity or adversity."

Past Deputy Grand Master, Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., died at his residence, in Boston, on the morning of the 24th of March last, he having reached the age of fourscore years. He was born in Plaistow, N. H., July 25, 1778. His preparatory studies were pursued with Rev. Giles Merrill, the preceptor of Atkinson Academy, in New Hampshire, and he graduated at Harvard University in 1803. On leaving the University he became lay reader in Christ Church, Boston, and continued in the office until 1805, when he was admitted to orders. From July, 1805, to May, 1829, he was the Rector of that church. From 1829 to 1837, his labors as City Missionary were crowned with great success, and secured for him the love and attachment of his numerous parishioners. On retiring from this position, he became connected with a literary institution in New Jersey, which connection continued until 1841. After his return to Boston, though without a parish, he engaged actively in the service of the Church. While a student at the University, he employed his vacations in keeping school; and he was thus occupied at Groton, Mass., in 1802, when he was initiated into Masonry in Saint Paul's Lodge in that town. He received his first Masonic lesson from the late Hon. and R. W. Timothy Bigelow, who was then the Master of the Lodge. On his removing his residence to Boston in 1803, he became a member of Saint John's Lodge. He was Chaplain of this Grand Lodge one or more terms, and frequently officiated in that capacity for subordinate Lodges. In 1820, he was appointed Deputy Grand Master by the Grand Master, Hon. Samuel P. P. Fay. After having been a Freemason for more than half a century, he bore hearty testimony to its usefulness, and expressed the sincerest approbation of its principles.

I have also to inform you of the death of an officer of this Grand Lodge,—that of R. W. Brother Henry Earl, District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District, who died at his residence, in Worcester, on Tuesday, the 12th of October last, aged fifty-six years. He was an intelligent and highly respected citizen, and very strongly attached to our noble institution. As a member and officer of our Order, he

discharged all his duties with alacrity and fidelity. His services while District Deputy—continued during a term of nearly two years—were characterized by his usual devotion to duty, and a lively interest in the prosperity of the Lodges under his charge. His remains were buried, with Masonic honors, by Morning Star Lodge, on the Saturday following the day of his decease.

During the past year, I have granted Dispensations to several Lodges for the interment of deceased Brethren, “with the formalities of the Order.” Of the number of burials, in like manner, on the “special request” of Masons while living, I am not informed, though several cases have come to my knowledge. Our solemn funeral rites, when performed impressively, are designed to awaken the most salutary feelings in the spectator, and should, therefore, be conducted by a Master, only after much previous study and reflection.

DEDICATIONS OF HALLS, CHARTERS ISSUED, &c.

Since our last annual festival, four Charters have been issued, and the Lodges to which they were granted, constituted; six Masonic halls have been dedicated; and one Charter restored, namely :—

December 30, 1857. The new hall of Mount Zion Lodge, Barre, was dedicated in due form by R. W. and Rev. Dr. William Flint, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Brothers Henry Goddard and Isaac H. Wright, Grand Wardens, R. W. Henry Earl, District Deputy G. Master of the Sixth District, and R. W. Wm. D. Coolidge, District Deputy Grand Master of the First District. In the afternoon, previous to the dedication, an address was delivered in the Town Hall, before the public. A “choice and beautiful supper” was enjoyed in the evening at the close of the ceremonies.

January 22, 1858. At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on the 28th of December, 1857, a petition from sundry Brethren, former members of Bethel Lodge, for the restoration of the Charter of that Lodge, was presented and referred to Brothers Dean, Baker and Martin, with full powers. The report of the committee was favorable to the prayer of the petitioners, and I ordered the Charter to be delivered to them. It bears the following endorsement : “By authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, delegated to a Committee of its body on the 28th of December last, the within Charter, with all its original powers and privileges, is hereby restored to the following petitioners; former members of the Lodge therein named, to wit :—Aaron Woods, Henry Fobes, Nathan Weeks, J. B. Woods, John Crosby,

Ishabod Pepe and Daniel Ford." This Lodge is in the town of Enfield.

June 9. Issued Charter to Eureka Lodge, in conformity to act of the Grand Lodge.

June 24. New hall of Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, dedicated by R. W. Franklin Westou, of Dalton, whom I appointed specially for the purpose at the request of the Master of the Lodge. This is one of our most flourishing Lodges, and to Bro. Weston's aid and counsel afforded to it on its establishment, is its present prosperity to be attributed. Hence the request of the Lodge for his being authorized to act as before stated.

July 21. Constituted Eureka Lodge, New Bedford, assisted by Brothers William Flint, Charles W. Moore, John H. Sheppard, William W. Wheildon, George H. Tabor, John Low, S. M. Hunt, Wm. S. Gardner, Wm. W. Baker, Peter C. Jones, Marous A. Moore and Eben F. Gay. Officers of the Lodge installed were Henry F. Thomas, W. M.; Isaac M. Richardson, S. W.; Isaac C. Taber, J. W.; Benjamin Russell, Treasurer, and Stephen A. Tripp, Secretary.

September 8. Issued Charters to John Abbot Lodge, Somerville; Berkshire Lodge, Adams; and Mount Vernon Lodge, Malden.

September 13. Constituted John Abbot Lodge, in ample form, assisted by officers of the Grand Lodge. Also dedicated the new and convenient hall of the Lodge. The officers installed were John K. Hall, W. M.; Joel F. Thayer, S. W.; James R. Bugbee, J. W.; Thomas J. Leland, Treasurer, and Charles E. Gilman, Secretary.

September 21. Constituted Berkshire Lodge, Adams, South Village, installed its officers and dedicated its new hall, assisted by a full suite of Grand Officers. In the afternoon, previous to constituting the new Lodge, opened the Grand Lodge, and with the efficient aid of Brother Nourse, the Junior Grand Lecturer, initiated one candidate and raised three. This unusual, if not unprecedented, performance by our Grand Lodge, was occasioned by arrangements previously made by Berkshire Lodge, to which it was desirable to conform. The officers installed were Daniel Upton, W. M.; H. M. Holmes, S. W.; W. H. Tyler, J. W.; George C. Lawrence, Treasurer, and Edwin T. Jenks, Secretary.

October 12. Constituted Mount Vernon Lodge, Malden, installed its officers and dedicated its commodious and beautiful hall, assisted by Grand Officers. The officers installed were B. G. Hill, W. M.; Charles Hill, S. W.; James Bartlett, J. W.; Edward D. Bell, Treas., and W. D. Holden, Secretary. At the close of the ceremonies, Rev.

Bro. T. J. Greenwood, Chaplain of Mt. Vernon Lodge, delivered an appropriate poem of great merit.

November 1. Dedicated Nassau Hall, Boston, to Masonic purposes, assisted by a large suite of Grand Officers. This hall is for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge and the other Masonic bodies, which have hitherto met in the Masonic Temple, Tremont street. On the occasion an Ode, written by Bro. Wm. W. Wheildon, was sung; and another, written by Bro. John K. Hall, was read by Bro. Wyzeman Marshall.

According to custom, the precedence of Lodges has been determined by the dates of their Charters, the privileges of seniority having been accorded to the Lodge whose Charter bears the oldest date; and a Charter that has been surrendered and afterwards restored, has formed no exception to the rule, but has continued to the Lodge possessing it, its original priority. It seems to me to be just to require that those Lodges which surrender their Charters, should, when the same are restored, take their precedence only at the date of restoration; otherwise, the Lodges established subsequently to the date of a restored Charter, and which have never suspended their work, are made to yield in priority to one which has performed its task unfaithfully. Bethel Lodge, according to the date of its Charter, takes precedence over all Lodges chartered since 1825, which, as a great portion of them have never intermitted their labors, is manifestly unjust.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM LODGES GRANTED.

There are now six Lodges working under Dispensations granted since our Quarterly Communication in March last. Although a Lodge existed in each of the cities of Charlestown and Worcester, such was the growth of our Order in those places that our Brethren more immediately interested deemed further Lodge accommodations therein necessary for their comfort and welfare; and, therefore, upon petitions therefor, I granted the power to form an additional Lodge in each of the localities named. In both cities there appears to be entire harmony prevailing between the old and new Lodges; and it is believed that a spirit of emulation will be aroused that will conduce to the prosperity of the Brethren who compose them.

March 22. Granted Dispensation to form Quabang Lodge, in Warren, to Brothers Lucius E. Truesdell, (W. M.,) D. W. Shepard, (S. W.,) Dwight Ellis, (J. W.,) William M. Ward, Calvin Shepard, Franklin Drury, C. A. Bradley and John Tyler. Recommended by Thomas Lodge, and approved by R. W. Henry Earl, D. D. G. M. of 6th

District. Dispensation to be returned at the Communication of Grand Lodge in March next.

May 19. Granted a Dispensation to form Henry Price Lodge, in Charlestown, to Brothers Charles B. Rogers, (W. M.,) George Washington Warren, (S. W.,) W. N. Lane, (J. W.,) J. A. D. Worcester, C. L. Stevenson, Charles H. Blanchard, F. W. Hurd, Oliver Ayres, Elijah S. Wait, William W. Pierce, Isaac Cook, H. G. Waldron, G. A. Lounsberry, A. E. Cutter, H. Wellington, Thomas B. Harris, Edward T. Woodward, Thos. B. Preston, Wm. Bowen Morris, Lester Holcomb, Thomas R. Lambert, Isaac Locke and W. B. Stearns. Recommended by King Solomon's Lodge and approved by R. W. Charles B. Rogers, D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh District. Dispensation to be returned at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in June next. This Lodge has taken the name of our first Grand Master,—a laudable act, as it may incite inquiry into our history and in relation to prominent Masonic characters.

June 21. Granted a Dispensation to form Montacute Lodge, in Worcester, to Brothers William A. Smith, (W. M.,) George W. Bentley, (S. W.,) James H. Osgood, (J. W.,) John Fiuth, James H. Freeland, Charles B. Whiting, Seth P. Miller, Thomas N. Hurlbert, Lyman Brooks, Wm. A. Cary, John Field, Daniel Seagrave, Wm. H. Eaton, E. H. Broad, Edward R. Fiske, James L. Burbank, H. M. Willer, C. A. White, S. Chapin Smith, T. A. Clark, Edwin Byrner, T. W. Wellington, Benjamin Lewis, Jonathan Barnard, A. F. Damon, Wm. N. Greer, B. B. Hurlburt, A. A. Burditt, John A. Dana, Henry Bowman and A. H. Washburn. Recommended by Morning Star Lodge, and approved by R. W. Henry Earl, D. D. G. M. of the Sixth District. Dispensation returnable at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in June next. This Lodge bears the name of the Grand Master of England, who, in 1733, appointed Henry Price, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master in America.

September 10. Dispensation granted to form Webster Lodge, in the town of Webster, to Brothers Charles E. Blair, (W. M.,) C. E. Brown, (S. W.,) George Clapp, (J. W.,) Elijah Pratt, John L. Harris, James Stansfield, William Hill, Wm. W. Holmes, John N. Leavens, Daniel Morrison, Lyman Sheldon, Cornelius Putnam, Jr., Otis Stearns, W. Hetherington, L. H. Cleveland, Elisha Harwood, L. Shumway, B. Gates, B. Paine, J. Bacon, John Wetherell, Wm. Sigourney, David Holman and Pardon Stone. Recommended by Olive Branch Lodge, and approved by R. W. Levi Rawson, D. D. G. M. of the Fourth District. Dispensation to be returned in September, 1859. The greater part, if not all, of the Brethren named are members of Olive

Branch Lodge. The latter Lodge has for some time past met alternately at Sutton and Webster, and it is therefore believed that the convenience of all the Brethren will be promoted by the establishment of the new Lodge.

September 23. Dispensation granted to form Trinity Lodge, in Clinton, to Brothers E. D. Bancroft, (W. M.,) Henry Bowman, (S. W.,) A. A. Burditt, (J. W.,) Daniel Marsh, George L. Thurston, A. M. Eaglesham, Charles W. Odiorne, Levi Greene, Anthony Lane, Luke Bigelow, John Bigelow, John G. Thurston, Reuben Blood, Joel Pratt and Horace Faulkner. Recommended by St. Paul's Lodge, and approved by R. W. William North, D. D. G. M. of the Third District. Dispensation returnable in September, 1859.

November 17. Dispensation to form Southern-Cross Lodge, Valparaiso, Chili, granted to Brothers John Bigler, William Trevitt, William L. Hobson, Charles S. Rand, C. T. Ward, Jr., Elisha K. Cook, Thomas K. Armstrong, Treat S. Beach, Noyes Baldwin and Charles Wachten. Recommended by Bethesda Lodge in said city, and approved by our Special Deputy, R. W. Charles T. Ward, Jr. The Dispensation to continue in force until the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge to be held in December, 1859. This will make the third Lodge in Chili, subordinate to this Masonic Jurisdiction.

VOTERS IN GRAND LODGE.

The attendance of the representatives of subordinate Lodges at our Communications is increasing in numbers, but the representation is still far short of what it should be, in view of the important business which is here transacted. On the call of the voters at the last Annual Communication, the number present, including officers and members, was only one hundred and twentynine. It was gratifying, however, to observe that of this number, fortytwo were Masters of Lodges. But two Lodges were represented by proxies. The whole number of voters is now three hundred and fiftyone, namely—

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| Permanent members, thirtyfive, less two who are officers, | 33 |
| Elected officers, | 5 |
| Appointed officers of Grand Lodge, | 16 |
| District Deputy Grand Masters, | 12 |
| Committee of Finance, | 3 |
| Masters and Wardens of chartered Lodges in Massachusetts (93) | 279 |
| Master and Wardens of Bethesda Lodge, Valparaiso, | 3 |
| Whole number of voters, | <hr/> 351 |

VISITORS.

In my last annual address, I cited various authorities to show that a person claiming to be a Mason and desiring to visit a Lodge, might be refused admission unless he could present a certificate of his good standing in the Order, or could be vouched for to that effect by a Brother present; and that it could be denied to him, without such evidence, even though he could pass the usual examination. On this point—the receiving of visitors—the Master of a Lodge must necessarily possess very large discretionary power, and, for its proper exercise, is responsible to the Grand Lodge. That the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master, as the chief executive officer, have the right to dictate the terms on which Brethren may visit Lodges subordinate to them, is beyond a question; and they may use it freely and absolutely, without any accountability to any other Masonic Jurisdiction. Of course it is not to be presumed that in this jurisdiction either the Grand Lodge or Grand Master would limit the privilege of visiting beyond what the safety, welfare and reputation of the Institution should seem to demand; or that they would subject Brethren of other jurisdictions to more onerous regulations than are imposed upon members of our own Lodges.

In consequence of information, reliable but confidential, that clandestine proceedings had taken place, at a point designated, in this jurisdiction, highly prejudicial to the well-being of Freemasonry, and as a means of counteracting their effects, I ordered, on the 10th of April last, a circular to be issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary, and a copy of it to be sent to each of our Lodges, in which it was “requested and desired” of the Lodges “not to examine or admit as visitors, whether hailing from Lodges under our own jurisdiction, or from those of other States, (unless personally known to, and avouched for, by some Brother present,) any person or persons who do not at the time of application for admission, present the Certificate or Diploma of the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth; or, if from a distant State, the Certificate or Diploma of the Grand Lodge of said State, properly authenticated, certifying that the bearer has been lawfully made a Mason in a regularly constituted Lodge, and that he is now in good standing as a member of our Institution.”

There being good reasons to believe that the proceedings referred to have been discontinued, I do, therefore, now revoke that portion of the circular here quoted, leaving it to the Masters of Lodges to require Certificates or Diplomas of visitors, or not, as circumstances may, in their judgment, seem to demand.

OFFICIAL VACANCIES.

I have granted Dispensations to supply, by election, vacancies in the offices of Junior and Senior Wardens as follows, namely—

April 5. To supply the office of Junior Warden in Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford; the incumbent having resigned in consequence of his removal to the State of Kentucky. Application therefor made by the Master.

May 6. To fill vacancy in the office of Junior Warden in Wyoming Lodge, in Melrose; the incumbent having removed beyond this Jurisdiction. Application therefor made by the Master, Senior Warden and six members of the Lodge.

May 31. To fill vacancy in the office of Senior Warden in De Witt Clinton Lodge, in Sandwich; the incumbent having resigned under circumstances which precluded his performing the duties of the station. Applied for by the Master, who represented that it was the desire of the Lodge it should thus be filled.

July 1. To elect the Senior Warden of Saint Paul's Lodge, in South Boston the office having become vacant by the resignation of incumbent. Applied for by the Master, who made the request at the instance of his Lodge.

It is a maxim in Masonic jurisprudence that "no officer after his installation can resign," yet circumstances do sometimes exist under which such resignation may not only be permitted, but may be required; as when an officer removes his residence into another jurisdiction, leaving his station in his Lodge vacant, perhaps immediately after his installation and at the commencement of the Masonic year. In such case, however, the Master has power to supply the office, pro tempore, at each meeting of the Lodge, but such a mode of filling a vacancy, especially of so important an office as that of Warden, is liable to many objections. If through contumacy an officer neglect his duties and should offer his resignation, it should not be accepted, but he should be dealt with for unmasonic conduct; and in view of such a case the maxim referred to would hold good. There can be no doubt that the Grand Master has the power to authorize the supplying a vacancy existing in any office of a subordinate Lodge by election, when, in his judgment, its peace and interests require it. He can grant Dispensations to form Lodges, the officers of which he appoints; "he may convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein," &c.; "he may suspend a Lodge," and may grant Dispensations for conferring the degrees, or confer them himself, through the instrumentality of a Lodge, at least; all of which powers are

greater than that which he exercises when by his Dispensation he permits a Lodge to supply a vacancy occurring in any of its offices. Moreover, on the death or permanent absence of the Master and Wardens of a Lodge, it is his duty to provide it with these officers, temporarily by his appointment, and, if necessary, permanently by ordering an election. In the Dispensations which I have granted, I have ordered due notice to be given to the members of the Lodges of the time of election, and that the officers elect should be installed before entering upon their duties; and when the vacancy to be filled was that of the station of Senior Warden, that the Junior Warden's assent to the election should be obtained before it could take place.

CHARITIES.

It is my belief that the calls for relief upon our charitable funds, have been satisfied entirely, so far as the applicants were worthy and possessed the requisite qualifications. There are three channels through which our relief-funds pass to the recipients; 1. Through the "Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge;" 2. The "Committee of Charity of the Trustees of the Charity Fund;" and, 3. "The Boston Masonic Board of Relief." Among those who have received assistance are aged women and men whose lives have been exemplary, but who are very poor and dependent. Some of them have for a long time derived a considerable portion of the means of their support from our committees, and may be regarded as permanent pensioners on our treasury. It is to this class that I would ask your particular attention and that of the Brethren by whom our charity funds are dispensed. It includes the infirm in body and mind; those who have no near kindred or faithful friends to watch over and nurse them, and husband the pittance contributed for their maintenance. Our gifts to the destitute thus circumstanced, must of necessity come far short of the efficacy it is important they should possess; and I would, therefore, suggest, that provision might be made for the admission of the females into that excellent institution, called "The Home," established in this city by "The Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females." A like provision might be made for the males; and it is believed that facilities therefor will exist at no very remote day, since it is contemplated by some of the benevolent men of this city, to erect a "Home" for indigent males, to be conducted on the principles of that devoted to females.

INITIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS.

The Grand Treasurer has presented a statement, showing the number of initiations of each Lodge during the year ending September 1, 1858; and also the number of members at that date; by which it appears that the whole number of initiations, including those of four Lodges under Dispensation, is 940; and the total number of members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction is 5,960. Though our numerical strength has been greatly increased, yet we are assured that our intellectual and moral vigor has been cared for in a corresponding degree. Though the rejections have been many, yet they do not appear to have been the result of any improper motives, or caused by any other than the highest regard for the interests and honor of the fraternity. The secret ballot should never be made an instrument for the gratification of pique or revenge, but ought always to be governed by intelligent and conscientious considerations worthy of the noble principles, which, as Masons, we profess to maintain. If we have not welcomed all who have desired to come among us, may we not ascribe it to the laudable determination to sedulously guard our good name, and render every Brother worthy of the remark, made nearly fifty years ago, by one not of our number, who, when asked about another man's character, replied, "He is a good man, for he is a Mason."

I sincerely regret the recent reduction in the amount of fees payable to the Grand Lodge on initiates. In my judgment, this is a change in the wrong direction. In some degree, the respectability and usefulness of our Order demand that our pecuniary receipts should be larger; and I am convinced that if the fees required of initiates were fifty instead of twenty dollars, with corresponding payments into the Grand Treasury, the most salutary benefits would be the consequence.

A few of the Lodges have established regulations requiring a high degree of proficiency in candidates as a qualification upon which their advancement is made to depend; and as might have been expected, such Lodges are among the best conducted in the jurisdiction.

But few Dispensations to confer the degrees in a manner granted by such authority, have been requested during the past year. Within the year I have given four Dispensations to Lodges in other Jurisdictions to confer the degrees on residents of this State. The reasons for such a privilege ought to be very strong, or it should not be asked for. Had the number of applications for it been large, I should have withheld my consent; for, in general, we are better judges of the qualifications of candidates who reside with us, than are the Brethren who dwell beyond our borders.

I have been frequently consulted by Masters of Lodges as to the intent of the following provision in the Constitution, Sec. 5, Art. III., Part Fourth:—

"All applications for initiation shall be made to the Lodge in the town where the petitioner resides, if there be a Lodge in such town; but if there be none, then he shall apply to the Lodge nearest his residence. And no person residing in a town where there is a Lodge, shall be initiated in any other town, without the written consent and approbation of the Master and Wardens of that Lodge." *See rules*

I have held that a strict construction of the regulation, that a person residing in a town where there is no Lodge, must be initiated in the nearest Lodge, and that the recommendation of such Lodge would not entitle him to be initiated elsewhere.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The reports of this efficient corps of officers merit attentive perusal. They indicate the condition of particular Lodges, and point out whatever may be entitled to commendation, or needful of amendment in the several districts. The Quarterly meetings held by the Deputies, have been productive of much good; inasmuch as they have proved the means of imparting a knowledge to every Deputy, of important occurrences and transactions throughout the jurisdiction, which could not be communicated to them in writing, but which may be useful in preserving the general discipline and subordination.

Having received information of the sickness of the late District Deputy of the Sixth District, which incapacitated him from performing all of the duties of the office, I appointed on the 4th of October last, R. W. John A. Dana to act as his Assistant. After the decease of Bro. Earl, a full commission was issued to Bro. Dana, who has since acted as the Deputy of that district.

WORK, LECTURES, TRESTLE-BOARD, &c.

The undertaking, commenced in 1857, to render all our Lodges skillful and thorough in the ritual, has steadily advanced, and I have the gratification to inform you that there are but few Lodges which have not several members, at least, capable to instruct in our mode of work, and impart a full knowledge of the lectures. It is essential that each Lodge should possess within itself the means of instruction, and thus relieve the treasury of the heavy expenditure attendant upon the system of lecturing that has of late been in practice. It is expected that when all of the Lodges have attained a due proficiency, such

expense will no longer be incurred, except that which may attend the annual exemplification by the Grand Lecturers. Some of the results of making our Brethren good workmen are exhibited in the improved discipline and government of the Lodges, and in the increased and more punctual attendance at Lodge-meetings.

If the power to create Lodges of Instruction was extended, allowing the Grand Master to erect them wherever, in his judgment, they would be beneficial, a great facility for perfecting a knowledge of the Work and Lectures would be provided. Our Constitutions provide that "A Lodge of Instruction may be holden in any town or city in the Commonwealth, where there is more than one Lodge located: Provided the sanction of either of said Lodges, and the permission of the Grand Master, in writing, be obtained." Such Lodges might be formed into districts, each district to embrace two or more regular Lodges located in different towns or cities. For example, a district might be formed including the Lodges in Roxbury, Dorchester and Quincy, and another might comprise the Lodges in Northampton, Shelburne Falls, Greenfield and Northfield; and thus proceeding throughout the jurisdiction, there need be no Lodge which could not enjoy the advantages afforded by a Lodge of Instruction. An occasional visit to these schools of Freemasonry by a Grand Lecturer, would insure uniformity of instruction in all parts of the State.

I would here call the attention of the Lodges to the fact that it is the duty of the Grand Lecturers to exemplify the Work and Lectures according to the system adopted by the Grand Lodge; and that no Lodge should deviate from their instruction. And no officer of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Master, has any authority to interfere with their instructions; they being amenable to the supreme authority alone for innovations made or permitted by them. I would also remark that no lecturer can be employed by any Lodge, who has not written authority from the Grand Master so to act.

It would tend to facilitate the improvement of newly-made Brethren to place in their hands some one of the approved manuals, or Trestle-Boards of Freemasonry. These can be obtained at little expense. The NEW TRESTLE-BOARD, by Bro. CHARLES W. MOORE, approved by this Grand Lodge, is one to be safely entrusted to novitiates.

In June last I received a communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, informing me that it desired the services of W. Bro. Caleb Rand, of Charlestown, to give to its jurisdiction instruction in the mode of work and lectures authorized by this Grand Lodge, and requesting my concurrence in the selection. Subse-

quently, Bro. Rand visited New Brunswick, and his labors there were attended with entire success.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, &c.

In January I received a communication from the Most Worshipful John S. Caldwell, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, inviting the officers of this Grand Lodge "to attend a called Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, at the City of Richmond," on the 22d of February ensuing, "for the purpose of Inaugurating the Statue of our Illustrious Brother, George Washington." The great length of the journey prevented the acceptance of the invitation.

I have already presented to you two circular letters, one dated in March and the other in April last, addressed to me by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and relating to the purchase of Mount Vernon, which were referred to a committee, who reported at our Communication in September. Your adoption of the report will render it my duty to promulgate to our Lodges the recommendation therein, that a "contribution of one dollar be made by each member of all the subordinate Lodges 'towards a fund for the purchase of Mount Vernon,'" whenever a notice shall hereafter be given by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, that the co-operation of the other Grand Lodges in the Union has been secured.

Early in May last, I received a circular letter from the "Office of the G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Member of the Permanent Committee of the Universal Congress," signed by "John Dove, Member of the Permanent Committee for U. S. A.," and presenting a plan for a Masonic Universal Congress. The letter is on file in our Grand Secretary's Office.

Sometime in September last, I received a circular signed by Phillip C. Tucker, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and of Rob. Morris, R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, relating to certain proceedings which had just before taken place in Canada, resulting in a reconciliation between what is therein termed the "Grand Lodge of Canada" and the "Antient Grand Lodge." The circular observes that "the details of the settlement will reach you through the Grand Secretary of the now United Grand Lodge of Canada," but they have not yet been communicated to me. I am gratified to be able to announce to you, however, from information derived from an unofficial source, that the difficulties that have for sometime existed in Canada West are recon

ciled, and the Brethren there are now harmoniously united under one Grand Lodge. At the convocation of the Grand Lodge of England on the first instant, the M. W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, namely—"That official intimation having been received of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons in Canada, this Grand Lodge recognizes that body as an independent Grand Lodge, having jurisdiction over the province hitherto known as Canada West, and expresses its desire to entertain henceforth with it such a cordial and fraternal intercourse as will serve to promote the interest of Masonry in both countries." The fraternal relations that have always existed between the Brethren of Canada and Massachusetts, will be strengthened by the act of union so cordially recognized by the mother Grand Lodge.

In February last, I received a communication from the Grand Orient of Peru, informing me of certain false pretences of a person calling himself "Colonel Santiago Florea." He visited our Grand Lodge in 1852, pretending to be the "Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Peru." The communication having been laid before you, and had your consideration, any further statement of its contents by me is unnecessary.

Through the kind attention of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, we are in possession of a copy of the proceedings of that body from 1808 to 1847, in one volume, durably bound. To the Grand Lodge of Iowa are we also indebted for a copy of its proceedings from 1844 to 1853, which are contained in one volume. These collections of the transactions of our sister Grand Lodges are very valuable: is not their example worthy of imitation by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts!

FESTIVALS.

Saint John the Baptist's Day was celebrated in Boston by the De Molay Encampment of Knights Templars, who entertained as their guests on the occasion, the Richmond Encampment of Knights Templars, of Virginia. Rarely has the military branch of our Order shone to greater advantage than on that day. The beautiful appearance of the procession on its way to Bunker Hill, attracted a vast crowd of interested and admiring spectators. The day and evening were spent by the Encampments, in a social and festive manner. Not the least among the benefits realized from the visit of our Richmond Brethren, is the establishment of intimate personal acquaintance and social relations between influential Brethren of two of the oldest Masonic Jurisdictions on the continent.

King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown, celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on the 8th of September. An appropriate address was delivered by the Deputy Grand Master, Rev. Dr. William Flint. The Charter of the Lodge bears the date of the 5th of September, 1783, and the names of Joseph Warren, Grand Master; Joseph Webb, Past Grand Master; Paul Revere, Senior Grand Warden and Joseph Uran, Junior Grand Warden. King Solomon's Lodge has given two Grand Masters to this Jurisdiction—Josiah Bartlett and John Soley.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The duties of the office of Treasurer necessarily augment as the number of Lodges increases; and I would, therefore, suggest whether the compensation allowed to that officer is not inadequate to the services at present rendered by him. On referring to the accounts, from 1812 to the present time, it appears that his salary has varied, during that period, from fifty to one hundred and eighty. The highest amount was paid during five years, and the lowest, three years. From 1839 to 1852, his salary was seventyfive dollars. It is now one hundred and twentyfive dollars.

MINOT'S LEDGE LIGHTHOUSE.

The corner-stone designed for the Minot's Ledge Lighthouse was examined in accordance with ancient Masonic custom, on the 2d of October; the Grand Officers having been previously invited for the purpose by Capt. Alexander, the superintendent of the work. It had been contemplated to perform the ceremonies on the foundation for the structure, but it proving to be inaccessible on account of the roughness of the sea, they took place on the neighboring shore. A full account of the occasion was given in the newspapers of the day.

SALE OF THE TEMPLE.

The sale of the Masonic Temple has been consummated, by the Trustees having received the sum which the U. S. government agreed to pay for it.

A brief account of the causes which led to this transaction will not be without interest to some of the Brethren here present.

For several years, the Masonic apartments in the Temple were inconvenient and too limited to afford accommodations to the large number of institutions which held their meetings in them. To obtain them for special meetings was attended with difficulties sometimes almost insuperable. In view of these facts, my predecessor, on

leaving the office of Grand Master, in December, 1856, addressed the Grand Lodge in these terms: "It has become evident to you all, that this building is quite too limited for the increase of our numbers, that this our largest room is often filled to repletion, that the smaller apartments are not adapted to the purposes for which they are necessarily used, and that at no distant day, our Fraternity will require a more spacious Temple than this." Concurring in these views, I brought the subject to your attention at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1857, and a committee of five were appointed "to consider and report at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in what manner, in their judgment, better accommodations can be secured for the use of the Fraternity than those they now have in this Temple."

Much solicitude was manifested by the Brethren who take the deepest interest in the well-being of our institution, to provide the needed accommodations in the Temple, and thus avoid, if possible, a change of locality. To that end their counsels were directed, and many plans were suggested by which to attain the object. Its exclusive use by Masonic tenants being regarded as out of the question, in consequence of the magnitude of the rents they would incur, architects and others skilled in the art of building were consulted as to the practicability of remodelling it so as to adapt it to Masonic and business purposes. After full examination of the subject, it was decided that the objects desired might be obtained in one of two ways, namely, 1, by adding another story, and 2, by the purchase and addition of the adjoining estate on the east. To the first suggestion it was objected that it would destroy the proportions of the structure, and cause a large outlay to effect it; and to the latter was opposed the difficulty of obtaining the estate except at an exorbitant price. And, finally, it was the judgment of one of the most experienced architects consulted, that in no other way could suitable rooms be procured upon the site of the Temple, more economically than by removing the old building and erecting another in its place. This recommendation found no supporters, as it was obvious that it would be more advantageous to sell the property at the price at which it was generally valued, and procure another estate, the adaptation of which to our purposes could be effected at an expenditure which would not far exceed the amount of the proceeds of such sale.

Early in May, 1857, it was suggested that as the U. S. government had it in contemplation to procure an estate for the permanent accommodation of the U. S. Courts, the Temple might answer for the

purpose; and soon afterward, a correspondence occurred between an officer of one of the courts and myself in relation to the sale of the Temple to the United States. The subject was entertained by the Trustees of the Temple, and measures were taken by them to accomplish the object.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in June, 1857, the committee previously appointed and before mentioned, reported: "That from a careful examination of this building, [the Temple,] they find that it is not capable of being so altered as to furnish the requisite accommodation. They also find that the present value of this property is such, that even if accommodation could be furnished here, it would be at an annual rent of from \$8,000 to \$10,000, besides taxes, insurance and repairs, excepting only the rent of the Chickering rooms. Under these circumstances your committee are happy to be able to report further, that having had a meeting with the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, they are informed by them that they have a prospect of disposing of the building very advantageously to the Grand Lodge."

At the same June Communication, R. W. Edward A. Raymond offered the following vote, which was laid on the table:—

"*Voted*, That the Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized to sell the Masonic Temple, on such terms as they shall deem to be for the interest of the Grand Lodge, and they are also hereby empowered, if they shall so dispose of the Temple, to secure by purchase or otherwise, a suitable lot of land for the erection of another building adapted to the present necessities of the Grand Lodge and Fraternity."

At the Quarterly Communication in September, the proposition of Bro. Raymond was taken up and debated at some length. Its further consideration was postponed to the 23d of September, at a Special Communication to be called for the purpose.

At the Special Communication, the motion of Bro. Raymond was amended as follows, namely—

"*Voted*, That the Trustees be, and they are hereby instructed and required to sell the Masonic Temple, to the United States of America, upon the terms and conditions proposed by the Secretary of the Interior in his communication to the President of the Board of Trustees of said Masonic Temple, dated Sept. 3d, 1857, and hold the proceeds upon the same trusts and for the same uses as they now hold the Masonic Temple," and the vote on its adoption, stood 53 yeas to 35 nays.

I believe that I speak the general sentiment of the Brethren of this Jurisdiction in saying that another Temple, adequate for our wants through generations to come, should be provided at no distant day.

There is no necessity for immediate and hasty action, for spacious apartments here in Nassau Hall, will serve us until an acceptable site can be selected and an edifice erected thereon, which shall serve the double purpose of a safe and lucrative investment of our funds, and be creditable to us as an architectural ornament to the metropolis. The structure might be on a scale to afford the means of profitable investment not only for the funds of the Grand Lodge, but also for those of the subordinate Lodges. The united Masonic funds in Massachusetts, if so applied, might be managed through the instrumentality of corporate powers, in the direction of which each contributing party could participate.

In conclusion, permit me to express to you my most grateful acknowledgments for the kindness to which for the third time I am indebted for the honor of presiding over the ancient Masonic Jurisdiction of this Commonwealth. My two years of service in this station, have brought with them many cares and responsibilities and much labor, and I do not anticipate that my third and last year will differ in these respects from those that have preceded it. I shall, however, endeavor to discharge my official duties impartially and faithfully, and exert myself by all the means at my command, to promote the prosperity and harmony of the brotherhood.

CORRECTION. On page 41, lines 4 and 5 from the top, the number of initiates should read 951, and members 5927. The error was caused by the incompleteness of the returns from the 12th District, at the time the address was delivered. The above figures are believed to be strictly correct.

At the conclusion of the address, R. W. Br. Warren offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That the address of the M. W. G. Master, delivered this evening, and also, that portion of his address delivered in Dec., 1857, which has not been reported upon, be referred to a committee.

The G. Master appointed R. W. Brs. Warren, Randall, and Goddard on the above Committee.

After the singing of a Hymn by the Choir, and Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A procession was then formed, of the subscribers, with

the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, and repaired to the Banqueting Hall, where a "*Grand Feast*," in commemoration of the day, and in conformity with an ancient custom of the Craft, was celebrated as in olden time, "*after the manner of Masons.*"

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 15, 1858.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts :*

The closing year reminds me that the period of my appointment is soon to terminate, and that an account of my stewardship is required of me.

As we advance in life, the years seem shorter,

“Nightly we pitch our moving tents,
A day's march nearer home.”

Some of our band of Brethren have finished that march and reached their home, leaving with us lessons it would be well we should learn, that our tents must soon be struck, and we leave these privileges and responsibilities to our successors. One of our board of Dist. Deputies, R. W. Brother Henry Earl, of Worcester, has been called away from earthly cares to a heavenly rest, leaving with us “the sweet remembrance of his virtues,” his wise counsels, and the example of his devotion to the interests of the Craft.

It has been the privilege of the District Deputies to hold frequent interviews with each other in this city, whereby the most friendly interchange of sentiment is promoted; a greater uniformity in the administration of affairs and work of this jurisdiction is encouraged; the fraternity are benefited; our labors lightened, and friendships formed to last through the journey of life.

I am most happy to inform you that the Lodges in the First Masonic District are flourishing and harmonious. The strictest scrutiny is observed in all applications for admission and the moral and social qualifications required of applicants, are of the highest order; none others than the best members of society can be admitted through the portals of the First District.

I am happy to say to you that your suggestions have been heeded, and that greater proficiency in preceding degrees is now required before advancement.

It is my pleasant duty to inform you that a very elegant and commodious Hall has been erected the past year by the Masons of East Boston, so that all the Brethren there and at South Boston, and in the city proper, are now enjoying the privileges and benefit of apartments free from the noise and competitions of life, and that they therein enforce the sublime precepts of our Order under their own "vine and fig tree with none to molest or make them afraid."

The Lodges in the suburban part of my District have manifested increased interest in the welfare of our Order and successfully emulate their Brethren in the city, in every good word and work for the promotion of the prosperity of all. If from any words of mine I can awaken in my Brethren of the First District a higher appreciation of the value of our beloved institution, a firmer determination on the part of each individual to make every self-sacrifice to promote harmony and good fellowship, and to keep our institution as it ever should be, a unit, I shall feel that I have not labored in vain among them.

The whole number initiated during the year in the First Masonic District, is 158, and the amount contributed to the funds of the Grand Lodge is 850 dollars.

Thanking you for the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me by a re-appointment, which I accept with pleasure, and pledging whatever of ability I possess to promote the honor of the Fraternity, and the welfare of the Lodges under my care,

I remain, most truly and fraternally,

WM. D. COOLIDGE, *D. D. G. M. 1st District.*

SECOND DISTRICT.

Newburyport, Dec. 1, 1858.

M. W. G. MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

I take pleasure in communicating to you the following Report, from which may be gathered the present condition of the Lodges which you have seen fit to assign to my care as D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District.

Commencing my annual tour in October, I visited Ashler Lodge, the youngest Lodge in the District. Its meetings have been held regularly, and it has well discharged the usual routine of business; but a majority of its officers pursuing their vocations upon the sea the most of the year, detracts much from its usefulness as a Lodge. Few applications have been made to it for the Degrees, and but one person has

received the honors of Masonry the past year. The members are harmonious. The work is defective.

Tyrian Lodge exhibited a gratifying progress in the work. The zeal and promptness evinced by each officer in the performance of his duty, as well as the unwearied attention of the Brethren generally, in the Lodge, prove that they are mindful of the duties which belong to true and faithful Craftsmen. The work is not strictly in conformity to the standard established by the Grand Lodge, although they will no doubt take an early opportunity to correct it. During the past year their work has been unusually extensive—having received twenty-seven candidates. They have also improved their circumstances in locating themselves in a neat and convenient Hall, fitted exclusively for Masonic purposes. Rejections have occurred, but having received no official notice of them, I am unable to report the number. By the Records my attention was drawn to an infraction of our rules—the introduction of candidates to the third degree without waiting the full calendar month, agreeably to the Constitutions. This was occasioned by an over pressure of work which will be avoided in future.

Warren Lodge. Greater interest in Lodge meetings has become evident, which may be attributed to the services of the Grand Lecturer, who has introduced among the officers and members a knowledge of the work and lectures, which they did not before possess. The active members are few. A good share of work has been done the past year, with great success.

St. John's Lodge is one of the largest in the District—numbering one hundred and fifty members, two-thirds of whom are the fruits of its own labors within the past four years. When its Charter was received back from the archives of the Grand Lodge, the other third came to it from other Lodges. But the urgent and pressing request of applicants for the mysteries of Freemasonry in this Lodge, has subsided, giving time and opportunity to examine and inquire into its important internal affairs. This Lodge has received a fair share of work the past year. But its efforts have been somewhat relaxed in instructing in the work, the effect of which it must ere long sensibly feel, in the want of properly qualified officers. The ritual practiced here is nearly up to the standard, and its proceedings are characterized by harmony.

Mount Carmel Lodge, the past year, has made a great effort to improvement in the knowledge of the Art. The course of its zealous officers in establishing weekly instruction, must produce a healthy and

beneficial effect on its future success. Its initiations have trebled those of any preceding year of its existence. The members have succeeded in providing a new and convenient Hall, for their exclusive use, and from the present view of their harmonious proceedings, there can be no doubt of their future prosperity.

Philanthropic Lodge. This ancient Lodge, has, during the past year, enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity. The members, old and young, are ambitious to render the work and lectures conformable to the instructions of the Grand Lecturers. On our late visit, as upon all former ones, the Grand Lodge was duly honored by the Lodge.

Jordan Lodge, in its new and commodious Hall, has made good progress towards sustaining the dignity and standard of our Masonic work. This Lodge, through its abundant resources, must soon be one of the best working Lodges in the District.

Liberty Lodge. The increasing attention of the members to their duties in the Lodge; their zealous perseverance to perfect themselves in the ritual, and the great unanimity with which all their proceedings have been conducted, give assurance that the privileges of our Order have not been entrusted to unworthy hands. It has sustained its Lodge of instruction, the fruits of which are already visible. Nine initiations have received the benefit of its labors during the past year.

Essex Lodge. Probably no Lodge in this District has been more persevering in its endeavors to promote the pure principles of our Institution, and to secure peace and concord within its borders than this. The assiduous care to investigate the character of applicants; the rigid scrutiny through which the stranger passes in order to obtain affiliation, entitle the members to much commendation. Since the date of its Charter, 1779, it has recorded upon its books the names of five hundred and ninety-eight members; one hundred and fifty of whom now remain as present members. The special weekly meetings of this Lodge for improvement, the past two years, have accomplished much in establishing the proper work, and securing a good attendance.

St. Mark's Lodge. The labor of this Lodge the past year, has introduced into the Fraternity fifteen initiates. The dues belonging to the Grand Lodge I have been unable to present to the Grand Treasurer, by reason of the low state of the Lodge-funds, owing to appropriations for a new Hall. The members express the hope that their means will soon enable them to meet their engagements, and that hereafter their dues will be promptly paid. A weekly meeting for instruction has been held by this Lodge with much benefit.

The condition of the Lodges generally in the District, is much more gratifying than at the close of the last Masonic year. The utmost harmony has characterized the proceedings of all, with one exception; and an ardent desire to promote the best interest of the Lodges, has induced them all, with two exceptions, to establish and maintain weekly meetings for instruction, the effects of which have been productive of great good.

Two of the Lodges have been compelled to expel each one member, for gross unmasonic conduct. The aggregate number of members of the Lodges in this District is seven hundred and three—the number of initiates during the year, one hundred and two.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

L. P. SEAVEY, *D. D. G. M. of the 2d Masonic District.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *G. M. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The lapse of another year again brings the time and duty of making my returns to the Grand Lodge, and reporting to you my doings in the appointment you have favored me with.

In a former report much credit was given to the Lodges generally in this District, and I am happy to be able to say that the high expectations raised of their future success has not been disappointed.

At the commencement of the year, in the general revulsion and prostration of business, it was not expected the usual amount of work would be done this year, yet such has not been the result. In the Lodges which formerly composed this District, the number of initiates is larger than in the last report, and it is gratifying to find them of the highest talent in the community.

So general is the determination among the officers and Brethren of all the Lodges to obtain a thorough knowledge of the work and lectures, and so perfectly have they succeeded, that it would be invidious to make distinctions.

St. Paul's Lodge, Groton, is now reaping the benefits of the additions made to the Lodge last year—in connection with those since initiated, by whose indefatigable labors to obtain a perfect knowledge of the work and lectures, it is entitled to rank with the first Lodges in the District. At the installation of the officers, the ladies were invited, and

partook with the Brethren of an excellent entertainment, which rendered it one of those seasons when we can feel the social benefits of our institution.

Also, at Fitchburg, the ladies were invited at the installation, who, together with the Brethren from other Lodges, made a large assembly and it was a splendid occasion.

Harmony prevails throughout all the Lodges in this District, and great care and prudence have been exercised in the admission of candidates, and general management of their concerns—and it may be proper to observe, that perfect loyalty and submission to the requirements of the Grand Lodge is particularly characteristic.

While I would carefully guard against flattering with unmerited praise, it is due to the Lodges to say, that in my long acquaintance with Masonry, I have not at any time known it in so good a condition, or worthy of so much credit as at the present, in every particular essential to the prosperity of the institution.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NORTH, D. D. of 3d District.

Lowell, Dec. 1, 1858.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *G. Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :*

DEAR SIR—I have, during the past year, visited all the Lodges in this District one or more times as their interests seemed to require. All the Lodges in this District have made their annual returns and paid their Grand Lodge dues, which I have transmitted to the Grand Treasurer.

As the Lodges in this District are situated in the country, and their members scattered over a large territory, I have generally visited them at the time of their regular communications, as the most members would at that time be present.

All the Lodges have had some work. The five have initiated twenty-nine.

Franklin Lodge, Grafton, have initiated three, and their prospect for the future is good, and probably they will have more work the ensuing year. Union and harmony prevail in this Lodge.

Olive Branch, Sutton, formerly Sutton and Webster, have initiated six. This was formerly one of the best Lodges in the State, and had many true, firm and worthy members. It successfully stood the fire

of antimasonry which assailed Masonry during the Morgan excitement. During this time it did not surrender its Charter, or suspend its regular communications, though sometimes thinly attended. After the excitement, it was one of the first, if not the first Lodge of this State, which dared to proclaim publicly to the world that Masonry still lived in all its primitive beauty and vigor, by publicly celebrating the 24th of June, 1844, at Grafton. Time and circumstances have seriously affected this Lodge—many of their once firm and worthy members are dead. Franklin Lodge was principally taken from this—and a Dispensation has been this year given to a number of its members to form a new Lodge at Webster—some of its old, firm and worthy members still remain, and feel a just pride in the antiquity and firmness of the Lodge in former times; but they are growing old, and should not forget they must soon give place to others younger, who should qualify themselves for the work, that they might be able to sustain the former reputation of the Lodge.

Solomon Temple Lodge, Uxbridge, have initiated five. This Lodge, under the management of its present officers, has improved much in the work. There is still room for improvement, and I think it would be materially benefited by a Grand Lecturer. My communications have not been answered so promptly as I would wish, and its returns and dues were so dilatorily made as to cause me more trouble and expense than necessary. This was not probably intentional, but owing to some of its officers not knowing or neglecting to do promptly their duty.

Montgomery Lodge, Milford, has initiated six, and rejected five. This Lodge do their work very well, and their candidates are generally properly instructed. It has eightyfive members—many of whom are men of intelligence and of great moral worth, and take an interest in Masonry. The rejections are too many in proportion to those initiated, and show something wrong in some of its members. Unworthy persons should not be proposed, and worthy ones should not be rejected by the private pique of some member. There has been either too many unworthy persons proposed, or worthy ones rejected. No Lodge can long sustain a good reputation with this proportion of rejections.

Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, have initiated nine. They do their work well, and are well officered. I was present at their annual communication, and installed its officers for the year ensuing. This Lodge has many members of principle, and worthy as men and Masons, and notwithstanding its past difficulties, union and harmony appear to prevail at present among its members. They are united in

the grand design of improvement and of doing according to the Constitution and instruction of the Grand Lodge. Respectability and moral worth are their aim in the admission of candidates, and law and order in doing the business of the Lodge.

Masonry in this District is prosperous and generally popular. The Lodges are doing as much work as the good of the institution requires. They are also improving in the work and manner of conducting their business.

Fraternally yours,

LEVI RAWSON, *D. D. G. M. 4th District.*

Grafton, Dec. 1, 1858.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

North Bridgewater, December, 1858.

M. W. GRAND MASTER—

Another Masonic year having closed, and its labors ended, I submit the following Report:—

Having visited seven of the eight Lodges comprising this District, personally, and the other by proxy, I have found a general improvement in nearly all of them; in some more than in others, from the fact, that the margin for improvement was much larger in some than in others; and I would not in this connection fail to say, that there are Lodges in this District whose work and lectures will favorably compare with any that I have had the privilege of visiting in or out of the State. In the business transactions of some of the Lodges, I could not award the same credit.

The Grand Lodge Constitution, though so recently put into the hands of each Master, with the urgent request that it be read in open Lodge, that none might plead ignorance of its contents, still remains a dead letter, which must continue to be a source of annoyance to Lodges nearly associated with them; but I trust the evil will be done away by due attention to the laws therein contained in relation to the government of subordinate Lodges.

Less numbers have been received into the Institution the year just passed, than the year previous, but the Masonic year now entered on strongly indicates a larger increase over the past in this District.

Trusting that my successor may be able, at the close of his labors for the year 1859, to give a very favorable report, I close my remarks, with hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the Institution, and this District particularly. Grateful for your continued confidence,

I remain, Fraternally yours,

L. B. KEITH, *D. D. G. M. 5th District.*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

*Worcester, August 24, 1858.*JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *M. W. G. Master of the G. Lodge of Mass.*

Dear Sir and Brother—I visited *Meridian Lodge*, at Natick, at their regular communication on the 21st of July, and saw them work the third degree, after which I made some remarks, and among other things advised them to obtain the services of one of the Grand Lecturers for a short time. In reply to this, they stated that they had no funds to pay the Grand Lecturer for his time and expenses, otherwise they should have applied for one last year. The general outline of their work is mainly correct, but the filling up, or phraseology, in many places is bad. A little instruction will put them all right. The officers of the Lodge appear to be desirous of doing the work right, and with a little instruction would do it as it should be done. I felt it my duty to communicate the facts as above, to you, hoping that you would cause one of the Grand Lecturers to visit *Meridian Lodge* at an early day, should you judge it to be for the interest of the Fraternity.

Middlesex Lodge, at Framingham, might be considerably improved in the same way as that recommended above.

I have visited all the Lodges in this District except *Montacute*, this year, and find them doing well. *Montacute Lodge* (U. D.) has only had one meeting, and that for organization. At their next regular communication I understand they will commence work in good earnest, as they have several candidates in readiness, and I have no doubt it will be well done, as they have superior working talent among them. Very respectfully and Fraternally yours,

H. EARL, *D. D. G. M. 6th District.*

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, }
Worcester, Oct. 13th, 1858. }

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master*—

I have to inform you of the decease of our worthy friend and Brother, R. W. HENRY EARL, D. D. G. M. for this District. He died yesterday evening, at 10 o'clock.

Our deceased Brother was very strongly attached to our noble Institution, and his funeral, at the request of his family, will be attended by *Morning Star Lodge*, on Saturday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

With great esteem, I am, Fraternally,

JNO. A. DANA, *Asst. D. D. G. M.*

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, *Grand Master*.

Among the events of the last year, it seems highly proper to notice the decease of our Brother, R. W. Henry Earl, D. D. G. M. for the 6th Masonic District, which occurred on the twelfth of October last.

Brother Earl was sincerely attached to our institution, and had for many years rendered active and useful service to the Fraternity. He had endeavored to regulate his life by those divine precepts, which lie at the foundation of Freemasonry, and by the contemplation of them he was sustained during a lingering sickness, and with an unwavering faith he died in the hope of a glorious immortality.

In accordance with his wishes, Morning Star Lodge, of which he had been a member, had the mournful satisfaction to unite with his family and friends in attending the funeral services over his remains, and paying the last sad offices of respect to our deceased Brother.

It having pleased you to honor me with an appointment to the office thus made vacant, I have visited the Lodges belonging to this District so far as I have had opportunity in the limited time, and can only make a general report upon their condition.

To Middlesex Lodge, Framingham; Meridian Lodge, Natick, and Mount Zion Lodge, Barre, I have made official visits.

My visit to *Middlesex Lodge* afforded me much gratification. This Lodge is in good condition, and its manner of working, shows the effect of close attention to the work and lectures authorized by the Grand Lodge.

I visited *Meridian Lodge*, as it happened on the evening of their annual communication, and there was no work, and not time to lecture, I can only report that everything appeared well, except in the attendance, which was much smaller than is desirable at the choice of officers—it should be said in justice to them that many of the members live at quite a distance from their place of meeting.

Mount Zion Lodge, at Barre, labors under the same inconvenience with regard to the residence of its members—many of them living in the neighboring towns—the attendance at the time I visited them, however was good. I examined their work, and found it in many particulars very good—yet I was glad to learn that they are not at present perfectly satisfied with their manner of working. From the manifestation of this feeling, and the character and zeal of the members of this Lodge, it is quite reasonable to expect they will soon be able to exhibit work entirely correct.

Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, I have visited, but not officially. This Lodge, it is believed, is, in all respects, in a flourishing condition

Within the past year a Dispensation has been granted to some thirty of its members to work under the name of Montacute Lodge.

It may not be improper for me to say with regard to Montacute Lodge, we hope at the close of the year to be able to give a good account of ourselves.

I have not been able to visit *Quaboag Lodge*, Warren, or *Trinity Lodge*, at Clinton, both working under Dispensation.

Permit me to say, in closing this report, that the interest you have manifested in the visits you have made, and in the Lecturers you have sent to the Lodges, has by no means been lost upon them. It has not only improved their work, but what is far better, it has united them more closely to the Grand Lodge, as their parent head, and has infused among them more of that fraternal regard for each other; it has excited that emulation so desirable, "of who best can work, and best agree."

Fraternally yours,

JOHN A. DANA, D. D. G. M. 6th Masonic District.

Worcester, Dec. 18, 1858.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Fairhaven, Dec. 13th, 1858.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER—

It again becomes my duty to report to you the condition of the Lodges in the 7th Masonic District, and I am pleased to inform you that harmony and prosperity still prevail in the several Lodges composing the same. There have been sixtythree initiations the past year; a small increase over the previous one. I am pleased to find by the Records and Returns of the several Lodges, that not all who apply gain admission within our portals, which is an evidence that the Brethren are watchful over the interest entrusted to them.

I find the work in most of the Lodges compares very favorably with that authorized by the Grand Lodge, although some of them require further aid from the Grand Lecturers.

I have received but few applications for Dispensations for conferring the Degrees; some of which I have granted.

I find by the Records and Returns of Mount Hope Lodge, that they have not complied with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as they have not required candidates to stand the proper time before receiving another degree, nor has the W. Master ever asked of me a Dispensation for the same.

For the renewal of your confidence, in again appointing me to the office of D. D. G. M., I return you my sincere thanks, pledging my best abilities to the interest of our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE H. TABER, D. D. G. M. 7th M. District.

To JOHN T. HEARD, M. W. G. Master of the G. Lodge of the Commonwealth of Mass.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

M. W. GRAND MASTER—

Dear Sir—It becomes my duty to submit to you for your consideration, the following report for the District over which you have been pleased to appoint me. The District having been changed somewhat from what it was the year before, I shall commence with the oldest Lodge.

King Hiram Lodge, of Provincetown, takes the priority, and is in good working condition, having for its members the most respectable men in the community. Quiet and harmony reign within its borders so far as I can learn. Have had three initiations the past year.

Marine Lodge, Falmouth, although next to the oldest in this District, is the smallest. It is but a little over two years since its Charter was restored. I know not but it might have been as well had it remained with the Grand Lodge, for unless the members will interest themselves more in the work than they have done, and devote more time to the ritual, their proceedings must be unsatisfactory to themselves; un-instructive to the candidates, and without benefit to the Fraternity. Have had three initiations this year.

Union Lodge, Nantucket, are in fair circumstances, so far as I can learn; they have been gaining of late, and I think if they would take a little more interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and be sure to be represented in the Grand Lodge, they would become highly prosperous. Their initiations have been three the past year.

Fraternal Lodge, Barnstable, situated in the village of Hyannis, seems to be harmonious and determined to improve in their work since the visit and instruction of the Grand Lecturer. Four initiations the past year.

Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich, continues to pursue the even tenor of its ways. It is a good working Lodge—is always ready to receive instruction, and has received much benefit from the Grand

Lecturer, and would be more benefited to make it a point to be represented in Grand Lodge. Seven initiations the past year.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge, West Dennis. Unfortunately for the members, the officers have been absent most of the year. I should recommend them to have their working officers from each of the members, whose business will not call them from home so much, as to scarcely have the Lodge open during the year; or to join with Mount Horeb Lodge, which would be better than to keep the Lodge closed. The present officers understand well the work, and it is unfortunate for the Lodge that their vocations require their absence. Nothing done the past year in the way of initiations.

De Witt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich, is an example to many older Lodges. The members work well—have profited by the instruction of the Grand Lecturer, by taking particular pains to learn of him, and follow his instructions. They have the right spirit and are in union and harmony. Have had three initiations the past year.

Twentythree initiations only throughout the District! quite a difference between the past and year previous. Many worthy men have denied themselves the privilege of asking admission on account of the stringency of the times, and furthermore the Lodges have adopted the advice of the M. W. Grand Master to be particular whom they admit. His visiting the Lodges has had and will have a beneficial influence on the Fraternity.

The Grand Lecturer has been of great benefit throughout the District in awakening an interest in Lodge affairs and increasing the proficiency of Lodges, and it would be still a farther benefit if we could have the same Lecturer visit the Lodges again, if for only a short time, and review the work.

One word about the officers of Lodges attending the communications of the Grand Lodge; as many as can do it would find it to their advantage and the prosperity of the Craft. I think every Lodge that is able should see to it, that some of their officers, if not all that are entitled to seats, should be at the quarterly communications, and more especially at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours, &c.,

SYLVESTER BAXTER, *D. D. G. M. Eth District.*

Hyannis, Dec. 18, 1858.

NINTH DISTRICT.

To JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *W. M. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The period having arrived when, by the requirements of the M. W. Grand Lodge, I am expected to make to you a statement of the condition of the several Lodges entrusted to my supervision, I herewith submit the following report :—

It is with feelings of deep regret, that circumstances which were beyond my control have prevented my giving that attention to the Lodges in my District that I had purposed to do, and to which they were entitled. Had I have known what was before me, I should most assuredly have declined the re-appointment to the office which you so respectfully bestowed, and for which you have my grateful acknowledgements.

In my visits to the several Lodges, I have found them, with one or two exceptions, in a flourishing condition, but all, however, giving evidence of attachment to the principles of our institution.

Thomas Lodge, situated in Palmer, is steadily advancing—having performed nearly the same amount of labor as on the previous year, and added some valuable members. The members are united.

Mystic Lodge, at Pittsfield, holds on in the even tenor of their former career—having performed the same amount of labor as on the previous year. In witnessing the work of this Lodge, I was much interested in the promptness and accuracy with which it was performed. It is a well governed and efficient Lodge, numbering among its members some of the ablest and best citizens of the place.

Wisdom Lodge, at West Stockbridge, I was not permitted to see in session, owing to the short time of notice given. In the examination of the proceedings on record for the past year, and in conference with the principal officers, I am satisfied that they are making some advances in the work, but are greatly in need of the counsel of a Grand Lecturer. I am happy to inform you that the arrearages for the last year are cancelled by means of their advancement during the present year.

Evening Star Lodge, at Lee, has performed more labor than in the previous year, and is in a flourishing condition. They have obtained a new and commodious hall for their assemblings, and are quite zealous to maintain their former standing and reputation as a working Lodge.

Cincinnatus Lodge, at Great Barrington, have done a large amount

of work during the year. Their annual meeting occurred at the time of my annual visit, and I was gratified in assisting to install the newly elected officers. The anniversary of St. John the Baptist was appropriately celebrated by this Lodge, in which the neighboring Lodges participated.

Lafayette Lodge, at North Adams, is much in want of a Lecturer. They have material to constitute a good working Lodge, and show a disposition to avail themselves of every possible advantage to vie with the neighboring Lodges in all good works.

On my annual visit to *Mount Moriah Lodge*, witnessed their work. I can only express my extreme gratification at the perfection in which their labor was performed. When we consider that this is one of our youngest Lodges, it argues well for their zeal and fidelity. They have done the greatest amount of labor of any Lodge under my jurisdiction, and their additions would do honor to any Lodge. They have fitted up a new hall for their accommodation, in a tasteful and substantial manner, and give every evidence of exerting a salutary influence. The officers elect for the current year give promise of continued success.

Hampden Lodge, in Springfield, I am most happy to say, has more than met my expectations during the past year. They have not initiated so great a number as on the previous year, but have done the work in a much improved manner, endeavoring to conform strictly to the ritual of the Grand Lodge. It was a matter of sincere regret, that their excellent and efficient Master, A. L. Soule, Esq., felt it to be his duty to decline serving them in that capacity another year.

Bethel Lodge, at Enfield, which has resumed work by the restoration of its Charter during the past year, has done a good amount of work, adding some valuable members. I would recommend that a Lecturer be deputed to that Lodge as soon as practicable, for which they are quite solicitous. We may confidently hope to see this a useful and flourishing Lodge.

I had the pleasure of a cordial welcome to *Berkshire Lodge*, at South Adams, where you and your associates in office so recently met for the purpose of constituting them, installing their officers, and consecrating their new and elegant hall. From all appearances, I think we may safely calculate on a healthful and salutary influence being exerted by the members of that locality. I enjoyed the privilege of witnessing some portions of their work, which would have been commendable in older Lodges.

In conclusion, permit me to say, that so far as my observation has

extended, I am free to bear testimony, that those Lodges which had the benefit of the labors of the Grand Lecturers, and were visited by yourself during the year 1857, show a marked improvement in the perfection of their work, and that it was labor well bestowed.

I remain, fraternally your obedient servant,

DANIEL REYNOLDS, *D. D. G. M. 9th Masonic District.*

TENTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. GRAND MASTER of the *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* :

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER—The Tenth Masonic District is composed of six Lodges, situated in the valley of the Connecticut, or upon its tributaries, and extending from the Northern nearly to the Southern line of the State—and the Fraternity embraces within its ranks, men of eminence and of high social and political standing in the community.

The great financial revulsion of the last year has had its anticipated influence to curtail the work in most of the Lodges, as will be seen by the reports already sent to the G. Lodge—but although this fact may have had the effect to decrease the interest in some of the Lodges, yet the general prosperity and progress of the Order has not, in my opinion, been impaired.

Harmony Lodge, at Northfield, is reviving. It has initiated five applicants, and peace and harmony prevail. I did not witness any work in this Lodge—but my impression is, that they have not adopted the best and highest style as required by the Grand Lodge.

Mountain Lodge, at Shelburne Falls, has not accomplished much work, yet it is in a prosperous and harmonious condition. They have recently fitted up a new and commodious Lodge-room, which will doubtless soon be ready for solemn dedication. It gives me much pleasure to report of the harmony, energy and perseverance which this Lodge ever displays.

Republican Lodge, at Greenfield, has made very decided improvement during the last year—not so much in the amount as in the manner and style of its work. This Lodge, under the administration of its present enthusiastic and skilful Master and like skilful officers, cannot fail of reaching a high degree of excellence, and will rank as the first Lodge in Western Massachusetts. During my meeting with the members of this Lodge, I listened to the best rehearsal of the lectures that I have ever heard outside of the Grand Lodge.

Jerusalem Lodge, at Northampton, has excelled all other Lodges in this District in the amount of work. The new members are mostly taken from the younger and more energetic classes, and comprise the *élite* and talent of this old and noble town of Northampton. The presiding officer has occupied his present station for some years, and to his active supervision and care, aided by his worthy officers, may be attributed the success of this Lodge. I have noticed in this Lodge that the attendance of the aged members is more general and regular than in any other Lodge in this jurisdiction, and this practice I deem worthy of notice and of great advantage to the interests of our institution.

Mount Tom Lodge, at Holyoke, is the second in the District in the amount of work, but is second to none in the general knowledge of the ritual among *all* the Brethren. This Lodge has paid off a debt of over two hundred dollars during the past year, and it now gives me much pleasure to report that it occupies a sure and safe position.

Chicopee Lodge, at Chicopee, is quite harmonious, and has young and talented men for its officers, but for the want of work, or for some other reason, there appears to be a decrease of interest among the Fraternity. I trust, however, that as we recover from the effects of the revulsion of the last year, which fell most seriously upon manufacturing places, like Chicopee, this Lodge will again revive, and give more evidence of its prosperity.

Thanking you for the honor I have received,

I remain, fraternally your obedient servant,

W. B. C. PEARSONS, *D. D. G. M.* 10th Dist.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Charlestown, Dec. 15th, 1858.

Col. JOHN T. HEARD, *M. W. Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have as heretofore visited the Lodges placed under my care, severally, two or more times during the year. The Eleventh District was considerably changed from last year—I do not therefore consider it worth while to make any comparisons. The Lodges as a whole are in a fair and healthy condition. I am not aware of any matters of importance that require to be especially brought to your notice. There is a general desire to conform to Masonic usage and customs, and to comply with the requirements of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, as well as to maintain the high

character of the institution, by a careful selection of candidates for the honor of admission to the Masonic fraternity. There have been several rejections in the ten Lodges comprising this District during the year, showing that the Brethren do not hesitate to exercise their privilege of excluding from the institution those who are not deemed worthy of its honors.

In my various visits to the Lodges the past year, I have noticed in some of them (growing out of the necessities of the case, no doubt,) the placing of young men and Masons in the prominent official positions in the Lodges, giving them the care and management, before they have acquired sufficient experience and Masonic knowledge to govern a Lodge in all matters that may arise, strictly according to ancient usage and custom. The transition from old to young being in some cases too sudden not to be injurious.

In such cases I have urged upon the older members, the importance of their attendance upon the meetings of the Lodge, as often as possible, that their presence and advice might have a salutary influence upon the younger and more ardent members; to prevent any improper disposition of Masonic business. Upon the young, I have urged that the conservatism of the Masonic institution should be maintained, and our ancient usages and landmarks adhered to, with the strictest tenacity; for that slight departures, unnoticed, might lead to more formal and important ones, dangerous to the purity, uniformity and usages of the Craft. Prudence being a quality which should be assiduously cultivated by the young Mason, I have advised them to follow its dictates, and when any matter should come before them with the proper Masonic disposition of which they were not conversant, to postpone action, until instructions could be obtained from the Grand Master—who is the exponent of Masonic law for the time being—or other reliable Masonic authority, so that they might not find out too late that they had been conducting the affairs of the Lodge in a loose and improper manner, and that their records bore evidence of their haste and ignorance.

Respectfully and fraternally,

CHAS. B. ROGERS, *D. D. G. M. 11th District.*

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. GRAND MASTER of *Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*:

DEAR BROTHER—I now at a very late date send you a report of my doings as D. D. Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District. I should have sent it much earlier, had I not hoped for a return of sufficient strength to enable me to inform you of the complete discharge of those duties in which I had anticipated so much pleasure.

I have visited St. John's, Columbian and St Paul's Lodges, and sent a Special Deputy to the Gate-of-the-Temple Lodge. I have also received the returns of Union Lodge, of Dorchester. All of these Lodges are in a most healthy and flourishing condition, and do honor to our noble Institution. My strength is insufficient, however, to make a full report of their condition. I have waited long in the hope that an improvement in my health might have enabled me to complete my work ere I resigned the office your partiality had entrusted me with; but our Supreme Grand Master has ruled otherwise. With sincere regret, I now tender you my resignation.

CLEMENT A. WALKER.

Boston, Feb. 21st, 1859.

The Grand Master would state, that in consequence of the sickness of Bro. Walker, the latter has been unable to give that attention to the Lodges in the 12th District which they usually received from the District Deputy Grand Master. They will regret to learn that his continued ill health compels him to seek its restoration by a voyage to a distant country. May it be attended with the beneficial results hoped for by all his Brethren.

REPORTS OF THE JUNIOR G. LECTURER

AND

SPECIAL GRAND LECTURERS.

To the M. W. G. MASTER of the *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* :

M. W. Grand Master—I herewith transmit to you a record of my services as one of the Grand Lecturers of the Grand Lodge the past year.

I arrived in Warren on Monday, June 21st, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M., and at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Brethren of Quaboag Lodge assembled in the Lodge-room. Lectured on the first degree. Adjourned at 5 o'clock. Met again at 7 o'clock, and gave instruction in the opening and closing ceremonies and the lecture of the first degree. Adjourned at 9, P. M.

June 22. Eight o'clock, A. M., opened Quaboag Lodge on the first degree, and gave instruction in the work and lecture. In the afternoon, opened on the 2d degree, and gave instruction in the work and lecture. At 7 o'clock, P. M., opened on the 3d degree, and instructed in the work and lecture of this degree. Half-past 9 o'clock, P. M., adjourned.

June 23. Eight o'clock, A. M., opened on the 2d degree, and instructed in the work. Closed on the 2d, and opened on the 3d degree. Instructed the Brethren in the various duties appertaining to this degree. At 2 o'clock, P. M., opened the Lodge on 1st degree, and gave instruction in the work. Closed on the 1st, and opened on the 2d. Instructed in the work of this degree. At 7 o'clock, P. M., opened on the 3d degree, and concluded my instructions in the work.

I am gratified to report, that great interest is manifested in this Lodge to obtain the correct work. I have been favored, during my visit, with the constant attendance and close attention of the Brethren, and there is every indication that the Lodge will shortly be in good working condition.

June 29. Visited Bethel Lodge, at Enfield. Regular communication. Visiting Brethren present, Bro. Sanger, W. Master of Mount Zion

Lodge, Barre, and Bro. Robinson, the Senior Deacon of Thomas Lodge, Palmer. Half-past 2 o'clock, P. M., at the request of the W. Master, I opened the Lodge, and with the assistance of the visiting Brethren, conferred the 1st degree on one candidate, and the 2d degree on two. Six o'clock, P. M., called from labor to refreshment. Seven o'clock, P. M., called from refreshment to labor. Raised one candidate to the sublime degree of M. M. Ten o'clock, P. M., called from labor to refreshment.

June 30. Eight o'clock, A. M., gave instruction in the work of the 3d degree. Twelve o'clock, M., called off. Two o'clock, P. M., called to labor. Conferred the 2d degree on one candidate. Eight o'clock, P. M., the W. Master of Bethel Lodge in the Chair, instructed the Lodge in the opening and closing ceremonies. Ten o'clock, P. M., the Lodge closed in due form. Being informed by the Brethren, that they would be unable to attend to the instructions of the Lecturer any longer at this time, I was under the necessity of leaving the Lodge with its work in a very imperfect state.

The Brethren at this place are in possession of a very fine, well furnished hall; are apparently in a prosperous condition, and were desirous that the Lecturer should visit them again at some future period.

July 20, 1858. Arrived in West Stockbridge. Regular meeting of Wisdom Lodge; about ten Brethren present. Opened on the 3d degree. The Lodge having no work on hand, closed on the 3d and opened on the 1st; rehearsed the work of the 1st degree, and gave instruction in the opening and closing ceremonies. Half-past 9 o'clock, P. M., closed in due form.

July 21. Eight o'clock, A. M. Five Brethren present. Lectured on the 1st degree, and gave the Master other instructions. Three o'clock, P. M. Present, four Brethren. Lectured on the 1st and 2d degrees. Seven o'clock, P. M., lectured on the 1st and 2d degrees.

July 22. Eight o'clock, A. M. Present, the W. Master and three Brethren. Lectured on the 1st and 2d degrees. Two o'clock, P. M., lectured on the 3d degree.

July 23. Eight o'clock, A. M. Worked on the 1st, 2d and 3d degs. Adjourned at 12 o'clock, M. In the afternoon and evening, with the Brethren of Wisdom Lodge, I visited Cincinnatus Lodge, at Great Barrington, and witnessed their work, it being their regular communication. Three candidates were raised to the sublime degree of M. M. I noticed many deviations from the established work of the G. Lodge.

July 24. Ten o'clock, A. M. Met in the Lodge-room of Wisdom

Lodge, and gave instructions in the work of the 1st degree. In the afternoon, instructed in the work of the 2d and 3d degrees.

July 25. Gave instruction to some of the officers of the Lodge.

July 26. Worked on the 1st, 2d and 3d degrees.

The Lodge at this place is small, and does but little work. The interest in its affairs, so far as I was able to judge from a week's intercourse with its members, is confined to three or four of the Brethren. Dr. Root, the Master of the Lodge at this time, is a faithful and persevering officer, and is strenuous in his endeavors to create an interest in the work among the members of the Lodge. I look with confidence to an improvement.

Aug. 18. Visited Solomon's Temple Lodge, at Uxbridge. Reviewed the work and lectures of the several degrees. In the evening, met with the officers and a few of the members of the Lodge, and reviewed the lectures.

Aug. 19. Rehearsed with the officers the duties of the Master and Senior Deacon in the work of the degrees. In the afternoon, gave instruction in the work of the degrees.

This Lodge is in tolerably good working order. The Master and Senior Deacon have the work nearly correct, and are making efforts to improve the Lodge. With the co-operation of the members, I have no doubt the Lodge will soon be able to conduct its work correctly.

Aug. 19. Eight o'clock, P. M. Visited Montgomery Lodge, Milford. Regular communication of the Lodge. Work on the 2d degree—one candidate passed—Master and Senior Warden absent. I had notified the Master the week before that I should be in Milford at this time. On arrival, I learned that the Master had been absent from town several days, and the Lodge was not prepared to attend to the instructions of the Lecturer. I was also informed that it is the intention of the officers of this Lodge to engage one of the Lecturers to instruct them fully in the work and lectures of the several degrees.

Aug. 20. Visited Olive Branch Lodge, at West Sutton. Regular communication of the Lodge. Work on the 3d degree. This Lodge needs much instruction; they are unable to confer the degrees without calling in assistance, and unfortunately at this time, a contention exists among them in reference to the location of the Lodge, which prevented them from giving their attention to the Lecturer, and I am satisfied that no progress can be made in the work until harmony is restored in the Lodge.

Aug. 23. Visited Meridian Lodge, at Natick. Reviewed the work of the several degrees, and made corrections. The members were

too much engaged to give their attention to the instructions of the Lecturer, but have agreed to engage, at their own expense, the services of a Lecturer at a future time.

Aug. 30. Visited Middlesex Lodge, at Framingham. Present, the Master and about sixteen Brethren. Rehearsed the work of the several degrees. At 7 o'clock, P. M., called from labor. Eight o'clock, P. M., Lodge opened on the 3d degree, and a Brother who had been previously entered and crafted, was raised to the sublime degree of M. M., and two candidates were initiated. Some instruction is needed in this Lodge to conform to the established work of the Grand Lodge. The members were unable, at the present time, to continue their attendance on the instructions, but propose, at a future time, to engage the services of a Lecturer, without expense to the Grand Lodge.

Sept. 16. Arrived in South Adams at half past 8 o'clock, P. M., and found the Lodge in session, awaiting my arrival. Opened on the 1st degree, and gave instruction. At half-past 10 o'clock adjourned.

Sept. 17. Eight o'clock, A. M., the Master and a few of the Brethren assembled at the Lodge-room, instructed in the opening, closing, and other ceremonies. In the afternoon, rehearsed the work of the 2d degree. In the evening, gave instruction in the work of the 2d and 3d degrees.

Sept. 18. Nine o'clock, A. M., lectured on the 1st, 2d and 3d degrees. Three o'clock, P. M., instructed the Senior Deacon in his duties, and lectured the 2d degree. Seven o'clock, P. M., opened on the 3d degree and instructed in the work and lecture.

Sept. 19. Rehearsed the lectures of the 1st and 2d degrees.

Sept. 20. Eight o'clock, A. M., rehearsed the lectures of the 1st and 2d degrees. Two o'clock, P. M., gave instruction in the lecture and work of the 3d degree. In the evening worked on the 1st and 2d.

Sept. 21. Met in the Lodge room at 7 o'clock, A. M., and rehearsed the 1st degree. In the afternoon, the M. W. Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Lodge were present for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Berkshire Lodge; one candidate was initiated, and three Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M. M., under the authority, and by the direction, of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

Sept. 22. Arrived at Great Barrington, and found that no preparation had been made by Cincinnatus Lodge for a meeting. Called upon the Master, who informed me that it would be impossible to get the Lodge together, in consequence of the Fair of the Berkshire County Agricultural Society taking place and to continue through the

week. On the evening of this day a few of the Brethren met in the Lodge-room, and lectured the 1st degree.

Sept. 23. No meeting of Cincinnatus Lodge. Proceeded to West Stockbridge, about ten miles distant from Great Barrington, and reviewed the work and lectures of Wisdom Lodge. Found the Brethren here ready and anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity for instruction—and I have pleasure to report that Wisdom Lodge continues to improve in Masonry.

Sept. 24. Arrived in Great Barrington at 6 o'clock, P. M. In the evening, the Master and nine Brethren of Cincinnatus Lodge assembled at the Lodge-room. The Lodge was opened, and instruction given on the opening and closing ceremonies, and the work of the 1st degree.

Sept. 25. Ten o'clock, A. M. The Master and eight Brethren present. Opened on the 3d degree, and gave instruction in the work, and in the opening and closing ceremonies. Much instruction is needed in this Lodge.

Sept. 25. Arrived in Pittsfield at 4 o'clock, P. M. By previous arrangement, met Bro. Gamwell, of Mystic Lodge, and with him rehearsed the lectures of the three degrees. In the evening rehearsed the work of the 1st degree at the Lodge-room.

Sept. 26. Rehearsed the work of the 2d and 3d degrees; and I have the pleasure to report, that the work and lectures of Mystic Lodge correspond with the established work of the Grand Lodge.

Sept. 27. Arrived in Lee at 11 o'clock, A. M., and found several Brethren of Evening Star Lodge at the depot awaiting my arrival. Met at the Lodge-room in the afternoon, and rehearsed the work of the 1st degree. In the evening practiced in the opening ceremonies and the work of the 2d degree.

Sept. 28. Met in the forenoon, afternoon and evening, and practiced on the work and lectures.

Sept. 29. In the morning practiced on the 3d degree. The work of this Lodge varies but little from the standard work. At 3 o'clock, P. M., left Lee on return to Boston.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. NOURSE, J. G. Lecturer.

Dec., 1858.

R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, SPECIAL G. LECTURER.

Newburyport, October 24, 1858.

M. W. GRAND MASTER—As Special Grand Lecturer, I have the honor to report to you that I have made two visits to Liberty Lodge, Beverly, when the work and lectures were fully given to a large number of Brethren present. They were received by them with great attention, and an improvement was apparent on my leaving. In their former practice much existed to disturb the harmony and beauty of their work through many unnecessary phrases and ceremonies, as well as omissions, which have been transmitted to them from one organization of the Lodge to another. It is gratifying to report that they received instruction cheerfully and with alacrity, and appeared to appreciate the privileges conferred by the services of an accredited lecturer.

By the request of Warren Lodge, Amesbury, I have made a succession of visits to it, amounting to fourteen, during which the work has been exemplified as minutely as circumstances would permit. This Lodge, from some cause or other, has been inefficient for some years. The efficient officers, who held positions in the Lodge prior to the difficulties of 1826, having been succeeded by others less skilful, the work has been much neglected. For a few years past, however, more attention has been given to this part of Lodge duties which must be productive of great good to all concerned. The proficiency of this Lodge is not so rapid as some others—hence I have given them more of my attention. The attendance upon the lectures embraced about one-third of its members, who were much interested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

I. P. SEAVEY, S. G. Lecturer.

W. CALEB RAND, SPECIAL G. LECTURER.

J. T. HEARD, Esq., M. W. Grand Master.

Dear Sir—In further discharge of my duties as Special G. Lecturer, I visited Morning Star Lodge, at Worcester, by request of the Master, on

Feb. 6. This visit was desired in order to run over the lectures, more particularly, as there were some points on which the Brethren were in doubt. Remained two days, meeting the officers and a few of the members in the Lodge-room. This Lodge is in excellent condition—well officered—and I may say, are now perfect in the

ritual. Since my former visit, there has been a great improvement in the work, and a renewed interest generally.

April 14. Went to Wareham, in place of Bro. Nourse, who was prevented by urgent business. Met with the members of Social Harmony Lodge, in the evening, at the Lodge-room—fourteen present. Continued my labors day and evening, until Saturday afternoon. From four to fourteen members present. Gave our attention, at the request of the members, exclusively to the 1st and 2d degrees; and this was, I think, the best course, as they were very deficient, and what they received they will be likely to retain. Close attention was given, by the officers particularly, and I left them in a condition both to work and lecture in a very creditable manner. They desired that I should visit them again in about two months, and devote a day or two to the 3d, and again run over the preceding ones.

April 27. Visited Paul Revere Lodge, at North Bridgewater, by request of Master, instructing the officers through the day, and assisted in conferring two degrees in the evening. This visit was of a similar character to the one made to Worcester. In a former report I have made favorable mention of this young Lodge—and I am happy to say they have gone on improving. And if not at the present time *perfect*, their work will compare favorably with the majority of Lodges in our vicinity.

Respectfully submitted.

CALEB RAND, *Special G. Lecturer.*

W. CALEB RAND, SPECIAL G. LECTURER.

Charlestown, Dec. 9, 1858.

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.

M. W. Sir and Brother—Agreeably to your request, I visited Olive Branch Lodge, at Webster, on the 24th June last, and proceeding to a "well-secured" room at the residence of the Master, where we were joined by two other officers, spent the evening in rehearsing the opening and closing ceremonies, and general mode of conducting business. On the morning of the 25th, met eight of the Brethren in the Lodge-room and instructed them in the work. In the afternoon (it being their regular meeting) took the chair and assisted and instructed in conferring the 1st and 3d degrees. In the evening I was only able to obtain the attendance of the Master—went through, with him, the most important parts of all the degrees; and the same on the next forenoon. At 4, P. M., returned home.

My visit to this place was not very satisfactory to myself, for I did not feel that much had been accomplished. An unharmonious state of feeling existed between that portion of the Lodge residing at Sutton and that at Webster. Not a member from the former town made his appearance, either at the rehearsals or at the regular meeting ; and a strong feeling of jealousy and non-affiliation seemed very apparent. A new Master had just been elected, reluctantly to himself, and had very little idea of the responsible duties of his office. In my opinion the permanent location of this Lodge at Webster would be beneficial to all parties, and be the means of bringing into the institution many worthy and good men who now keep aloof in consequence of what is known to be the unpleasant state of feeling between the two towns.

Very much instruction, and close application on the part of the members, are necessary to place the Lodge in good working order.

Dec. 3. Visited Social Harmony Lodge, at Wareham. On a former visit to this place I "posted up" the officers of the Lodge pretty well on the 1st and 2d degrees ; and, as they were very deficient on the 3d, we devoted most of the time to that degree, commencing on Friday evening, and continuing day and evening until Monday forenoon. The Master, Wardens, Deacons, and three or four members were present. These Brethren are interested in the work in which they are engaged, and appear desirous of mastering it all ; but they "learn hard"—do not seem to comprehend and keep in view the several characters and connections so necessary to a proper understanding and committing of the language. But we succeeded pretty well, and they say if they feel it necessary to have more instruction, it shall be at their own expense. This town felt the effects of the *panic* very sensibly, and to this cause they mainly attribute the lack of initiates during the past year.

Fraternally yours,

CALEB RAND, *Special G. Lecturer.*

TABLE,

Showing the number of Initiates and Members of each Lodge in 1858,
also the month in which the Election of Officers in each Lodge occurs, &c.

FIRST DISTRICT—R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, D. D. G. M.

| NAME OF LODGE. | Date of Charter. | Location. | Initiates from Sept. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1858. | Members Sept. 1, 1858. | Officers, when elected. |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| St. Andrew's, | 1756, | Boston, | 8, | 38, | November. |
| Mount Lebanon, | 1801, | Boston, | 22, | 161, | December. |
| Amicable, | 1805, | Cambridge, | 29, | 100, | December. |
| Bethesda, | 1819, | Brighton, | 7, | 44, | December. |
| Monitor, | 1820, | Waltham, | 11, | 48, | November. |
| Mount Tabor, | 1846, | East Boston, | 17, | 151, | November. |
| Baalbec, | 1853, | East Boston, | 21, | 95, | March. |
| Winslow Lewis, | 1856, | Boston, | 22, | 42, | November. |
| Revere, | 1856, | Boston, | 13, | 63, | December. |
| Pequossette, | 1857, | Watertown, | 8, | 44, | December. |
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SECOND DISTRICT—R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, D. D. G. M.

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| Philanthropic, | 1760, | Marblehead, | 1, | 58, | December. |
| St. John's | 1766, | Newburyport, | 12, | 144, | March. |
| Tyrian, | 1770, | Gloucester, | 27, | 58, | November. |
| Essex, | 1779, | Salem, | 12, | 146, | December. |
| St. Mark's, | 1803, | Newburyport, | 15, | 44, | September. |
| Mount Carmel, | 1805, | Lynn, | 14, | 40, | December. |
| Jordan, | 1808, | Danvers, | 7, | 67, | November. |
| Warren, | 1822, | Amesbury, | 4, | 43, | October. |
| Liberty, | 1824, | Beverly, | 9, | 67, | December. |
| Ashler, | 1852, | Rockport, | 1, | 31, | November. |
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THIRD DISTRICT—R. W. WILLIAM NORTH, D. D. G. M.

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| St. Paul's, | 1797, | Groton, | 11, | 25, | October. |
| Corinthian, | 1797, | Concord, | 1, | 46, | October. |
| Aurora, | 1801, | Fitchburg, | 12, | 65, | September. |
| Merrimac, | 1802, | Haverhill, | 6, | 105, | November. |
| Pentucket, | 1807, | Lowell, | 17, | 160, | October. |
| St. Matthew's, | 1822, | Andover, | 5, | 45, | December. |
| Grecian, | 1835, | Lawrence, | 22, | 140, | September. |
| Ancient York, | 1852, | Lowell, | 11, | 108, | October. |
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FOURTH DISTRICT—R. W. LEVI RAWSON, D. D. G. M.

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| Montgomery, | 1797, | Milford, | 6, | 85, | December. |
| Olive Branch, | 1797, | Sutton & Webster, | 6, | 39, | February. |
| Solomon's Temple, | 1818, | Uxbridge, | 5, | 22, | November. |
| Franklin, | 1852, | Grafton, | 3, | 24, | December. |
| Blackstone River, | 1856, | Blackstone, | 9, | 35, | December. |
| | | | 29 | 205 | |

FIFTH DISTRICT—LUCIEN B. KEITH, D. D. G. M.

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| Old Colony, | 1792, | Hingham, | 6, | 51, | December. |
| Rising Star, | 1799, | Stoughton, | 1, | 40, | December. |
| Corner Stone, | 1801, | Duxbury, | 4, | 26, | November. |
| Rural, | 1801, | Quincy, | 11, | 25, | November. |
| Norfolk Union, | 1819, | Randolph, | 1, | 24, | December. |
| Orphan's Hope, | 1825, | Weymouth, | 7, | 57, | June. |
| Plymouth, | 1825, | Plymouth, | 8, | 39, | November. |
| Paul Revere, | 1857, | North Bridgewater, | 8, | 22, | December. |
| | | | 46 | 284 | |

SIXTH DISTRICT—R. W. JOHN A. DANA, D. D. G. M.

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| Morning Star, | 1793, | Worcester, | 17, | 125, | January. |
| Middlesex, | 1795, | Framingham, | 9, | 36, | November. |
| Meridian, | 1797, | Natick, | 3, | 69, | October. |
| Mount Zion, | 1800, | Barre, | 2, | 44, | September. |
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SEVENTH DISTRICT—R. W. GEORGE H. TABER, D. D. G. M.

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| Fellowship, | 1797, | Bridgewater, | 3, | 37, | December. |
| King David, | 1798, | Taunton, | 7, | 121, | November. |
| Saint Alban's, | 1818, | Foxboro', | 9, | 26, | September. |
| Star in the East, | 1823, | New Bedford, | 13, | 203, | December. |
| Social Harmony, | 1823, | Wareham, | 1, | 25, | December. |
| Mount Hope, | 1824, | Fall River, | 29, | 99, | December. |
| Eureka, (June,) | 1858, | New Bedford, | 1, | 13, | December. |
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EIGHTH DISTRICT—R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, D. D. G. M.

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| King Hiram, | 1796, | Provincetown, | 3, | 90, | November. |
| Marine, | 1796, | Falmouth, | 3, | 16, | December. |
| Fraternal, | 1801, | Barnstable, | 4, | 130, | December. |
| Union, | 1801, | Nantucket, | 3, | 51, | December. |
| Mount Horeb, | 1855, | Harwich, | 7, | 46, | December. |
| Benjamin Franklin, | 1855, | Dennis, | 0, | 58, | December. |
| De Witt Clinton, | 1856, | Sandwich, | 3, | 42, | December. |
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NINTH DISTRICT—R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, D. D. G. M.

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| Cincinnati, | 1795, | Great Barrington, | 19, | 61, | November. |
| Evening Star, | 1795, | Lee, | 6, | 60, | September. |
| Lafayette, | 1796, | North Adams, | 2, | 37, | December. |
| Thomas, | 1796, | Palmer, | 16, | 35, | November. |
| Wisdom, | 1803, | West Stockbridge, | 4, | 18, | May. |
| Mystic, | 1810, | Pittsfield, | 6, | 33, | November. |
| Hampden, | 1817, | Springfield, | 16, | 113, | November. |
| Bethel, | 1825, | Enfield, | 15, | 39, | November. |
| Mount Moriah, | 1856, | Westfield, | 21, | 71, | September. |
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TENTH DISTRICT—R. W. B. C. PEARSONS, D. D. G. M.

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| Republican, | 1794, | Greenfield, | 3, | 68, | December. |
| Harmony, | 1796, | Northfield, | 5, | 25, | December. |
| Jerusalem, | 1797, | Northampton, | 12, | 97, | November. |
| Mountain, | 1806, | Shelburne Falls, | 2, | 37, | December. |
| Chicopee, | 1849, | Chicopee, | 2, | 67, | January. |
| Mount Tom, | 1850, | Holyoke, | 9, | 45, | November. |
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ELEVENTH DISTRICT—R. W. CHAS. B. ROGERS, D. D. G. M.

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| King Solomon's, | 1783, | Charlestown, | 20, | 111, | October. |
| Hiram, | 1797, | West Cambridge, | 9, | 80, | November. |
| Star of Bethlehem, | 1843, | Chelsea, | 9, | 91, | November. |
| Putnam, | 1855, | East Cambridge, | 3, | 40, | December. |
| Mount Hermon, | 1855, | Medford, | 8, | 36, | October. |
| Mount Horeb, | 1855, | Woburn, | 6, | 38, | December. |
| Wyoming, | 1857, | Melrose, | 18, | 26, | September. |
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TWELFTH DISTRICT—R. W. CLEMENT A. WALKER, D.D.G.M.

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| St. John's, | 1733, | Boston, | 27, | 154, | December. |
| Massachusetts, | 1770, | Boston, | 8, | 86, | December. |
| Columbian, | 1796, | Boston, | 31, | 222, | December. |
| Washington, | 1796, | Roxbury, | 17, | 62, | November. |
| Union, | 1796, | Dorchester, | 12, | 35, | December. |
| St. Paul's, | 1847, | South Boston, | 13, | 102, | December. |
| Germany, | 1855, | Boston, | 4, | 28, | November. |
| Gate of the Temple, | 1856, | South Boston, | 1, | 51, | November. |
| Joseph Warren, | 1857, | Boston, | 9, | 33, | |
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SOUTH AMERICA—R. W. CHAS. T. WARD, Jz., Special Deputy.

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| Bethesda, | 1854, | Valparaiso, | 8, | 28, | August. |
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RETURNS FROM LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

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| Eureka, New Bedford, | 10 |
| Berkshire, South Adams, | 20 |
| John Abbot, Somerville, | 21 |
| Mount Vernon, Malden, | 22 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| First District, | 158, | 786 |
| Second District, | 102, | 698 |
| Third District, | 85, | 694 |
| Fourth District, | 29, | 205 |
| Fifth District, | 46, | 284 |
| Sixth District, | 31, | 274 |
| Seventh District, | 63, | 524 |
| Eighth District, | 23, | 433 |
| Ninth District, | 105, | 467 |
| Tenth District, | 33, | 339 |
| Eleventh District, | 73, | 422 |
| Twelfth District, | 122, | 773 |
| South America, | 8, | 28 |
| Lodges under Dispensation, | 73 | |
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COPY OF DISPENSATION
GRANTED TO ST. PAUL'S LODGE, SOUTH BOSTON, TO ELECT A
SENIOR WARDEN.

(SEAL.)

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
of *Masons in Massachusetts.* }

BOSTON, JULY 1, 1858.

WHEREAS, the office of Senior Warden of Saint Paul's Lodge, at South Boston, has become vacant by the resignation of its late incumbent, Brother N. A. Appollonio, and whereas, the Master of the said Lodge, Worshipful Thomas Hill, Jr., has, by written communication dated on the 30th ultimo, informed me that it is his desire and that of his Lodge to have the said vacancy filled by election :

Now, therefore, be it known, that permission is hereby granted to said Lodge to make choice of a Senior Warden, by ballot, at a communication of said Lodge to be held on Tuesday, the 6th inst. ; provided, however, that the Junior Warden assents thereto ; that due notice of the election shall be given to its members, and that the Brother who may thus be elected, shall be regularly installed before entering upon the duties of the office. And should the present Junior Warden be elected Senior Warden, the vacancy in the office of Junior Warden occasioned thereby, shall be filled at the same time and place, by ballot, or at such subsequent meeting of the Lodge as the Master shall order.

JOHN T. HEARD,

To THOMAS HILL, Jr., Esq.,

Grand Master.

Master of St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL DEPUTY
TO DEDICATE THE HALL OF MOUNT MORIAH LODGE.**

Dalton, December 10, 1858.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, G. Master of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts—

Your commission, dated June 18th, 1858, appointing me your Special Deputy for the purpose of dedicating to Freemasonry a new Hall for Mount Moriah Lodge, at Westfield, on the 24th day of June last, was received with much pleasure. I found a very convenient Hall fitted up and furnished with much taste by the liberal contributions of the Brethren. With the assistance of Past Masters from Springfield and Hartford, I dedicated the same in ancient form.

Having been in the habit of attending to such duties when District Deputy Grand Master of this District, and rendering an account of the same in my annual Report—and being pressed with business at that time, the fact that I should have made to you a special report, immediately, did not occur to me, and hence the neglect of duty, which I very much regret. Please accept my apology, and be assured I am with the highest esteem and respect,

Truly and fraternally your most obedient and humble servant,

F. WESTON.

CORRESPONDENCE

WITH THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN
RELATION TO A LECTURER, AND HIS REPORT.

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, JUNE 16, 1858.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother—At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, English Registry, it was unanimously resolved, “that the services of Brother Caleb Rand, Grand Lecturer, be obtained to instruct the Masonic Lodges in Saint John in the lectures and mode of working the three first degrees according to the American Ritual.”

I have therefore now to request, that you would engage the said Brother to lecture in this city (under the sanction of the Provincial Grand Lodge) on or about the first day of July next, or as soon thereafter as may suit the convenience of our worthy Brother.

It is only on special documents (dispensations and patents) that we are allowed under English Jurisdiction to attach the Provincial Grand Lodge Seal, and that is the reason why in the present case I do not send this under the seal of the Lodge.

A Committee consisting of Bros. W. Masters Clinch, 570, E. R.; Bunting, 632, E. R.; Brittain, 767, E. R.; Rosborough, 780, E. R.; Magee, 301, I. R.; and Past Masters Reading, 570, and Potter, 632, were appointed to consider and report upon the matter. They have agreed to engage the Brother as early in July as he can attend; if, therefore, you will please intimate the tenor of the above to him, and return a reply as early as convenient, you will confer a favor.

I have the honor to remain

Fraternally your obedient servant and Brother,

ROBERT STUBS,

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

Prov. Grand Sec'y.

Grand Master of Massachusetts, Boston.

(SEAL)

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
of Masons in Massachusetts. }

BOSTON, JUNE 19, 1858.

R. W. Brother :—Your communication dated on the 16th instant is before me.

It affords me pleasure to commend the selection of W. Caleb Rand by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, to instruct its Lodges in the lectures and work of this Masonic jurisdiction, he being duly qualified to perform that service in a finished manner.

I will acquaint him with the fact that his services are required in your Jurisdiction, and request him to inform you at what time he will be at Saint John.

Very farternally yours,

JOHN T. HEARD,

Grand Master.

ROBERT STUBS, Esq.,

Prov. Grand Secretary of New Brunswick.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, E. R.

Saint John, N. B., August 10th, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858.

At an Emergency Meeting of the above body, held on the 9th inst.,
Inter Alia,

It was moved by the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, and seconded by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies,

"That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick are due to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts for his fraternal and prompt response to the requisition of this Grand Lodge, in appointing an able Lecturer to impart instruction to the Masonic fraternity under this jurisdiction."

Upon the question being put, it was carried unanimously by acclamation, and further

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts under the seal of this Grand Lodge."

By order of the R. W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and in accordance with the above resolution, I do attach the Seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

A. BALLOCH, D. P. G. Master.

(SEAL)

ROBERT STUBS,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

Charlestown, Aug. 17, 1858.

M. W. Sir and Brother—Agreeably to an invitation received through you, from the Grand Lodge of St. John, N. B., desiring a visit from me for the purpose of imparting instruction in the first three degrees in Freemasonry in accordance with the Massachusetts standard,—I would inform you that I proceeded to that city on the 15th of July and remained one month, meeting afternoons and evenings with the Brethren of that Province—all of us laboring hard for the accomplishment of our object; and I am happy to report that our labors were crowned with complete success, so far as the *work* is concerned. The lectures it was thought advisable to leave until another year.

My visit was an exceedingly pleasant one—every attention being shown me by the Deputy Grand Master and by all the Brethren. Not only was great satisfaction expressed at the American mode of conferring the degrees, but also with many of the forms, ceremonies and laws, as observed in the States. The Provincial Grand Master, Hon. Robt. Keith, who resides in Halifax, expressed himself highly pleased with the action taken by the Grand Lodge of St. John in procuring a “lecturer,” and hoped that a similar movement would be made in all the provinces.

Hon. Robt. Keith, the Provincial Grand Master, is appointed by the Grand Lodge of England, and he appoints Deputies wherever he deems it expedient. Such Deputies, however, do not report to him, but communicate directly with the Grand Lodge of England.

Accompanying this, I forward you a resolution passed at a special session of the Grand Lodge of St. John, a few days previous to my leaving there; also, a portrait of the Provincial Grand Master, with the respects of the Deputy, Alexander Balloch, Esq.

Fraternally yours,

CALEB RAND.

TO JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE
OF
THE MINOT'S LEDGE LIGHT HOUSE.

In accordance with the invitation contained in the following letter from Capt. Alexander, the corner-stone of Minot's Ledge Light House was examined with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday, Oct. 2, 1858. The Grand Lodge, City government of Boston, the Boston Board of Trade, officers of Insurance Companies, and other parties interested in commerce and navigation, were present. On arriving at the wharf in Cohasset, the company was immediately called to order by the Mayor of Boston. Appropriate addresses were made by Capt. Alexander, Mayor Lincoln, Hon. Edward Everett and other gentlemen. The Masonic proceedings, in part only, are here presented.

BOSTON, MASS., SEPT. 29, 1858.

To the M. W. GRAND MASTER, of the Grand Lodge of Mass.

The substructure of Minot's Ledge Light House being now so far completed that the stone may be laid to contain the memorial of this great undertaking, it is my wish that the Grand Lodge of this State perform the Masonic ceremonies on the occasion of its inauguration.

The structure is to be erected for the benefit of the world, and it therefore appears to me to be peculiarly appropriate that an institution whose principles are co-extensive, should inaugurate its commencement.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

B. S. ALEXANDER, *Capt. Corps of Eng.*

HON. JOHN T. HEARD.

(SEAL.)

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
of Masons in Massachusetts. }

BOSTON, SEPT. 29th, 1858.

Dear Sir :—Your note of this date, conveying to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts an invitation to lay the foundation-stone of Minot's Ledge Light House with Masonic ceremonies, I have had the honor to receive. In behalf of that body, I respectfully accept the invitation, provided the time which you shall designate for the occasion shall be convenient to it, and allow due notice to be given to its members. I presume that means will be provided by which the Grand Lodge can visit the ledge with facility.

Thanking you for the favorable opinion you have been pleased to express in relation to our institution,

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN T. HEARD, *Grand Master.*

B. S. ALEXANDER, Esq., *Capt. Corps of Engineers of the U. States, Cohasset, Mass.*

The Masonic ceremonies commenced by Capt. Alexander addressing the M. W. John T. Heard, Esq., Grand Master, as follows :—

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

You, sir, as the representative of a time honored and most illustrious Order, I welcome to a task, which, although in the ordinary line of duty, has, from peculiarity of situation and circumstances, rarely been equalled; and were you to search the archives of your fraternity, you might not find an instance where one of your predecessors has been called upon to perform the ceremonies of your Craft in such a position.

The Masonic ceremonies then took place. After which the M. W. Grand Master delivered the following Address :—

Brother Architect—The foundation for the Lighthouse which, by the munificence of our country, will be here erected, has, at your request, been examined and approved by the Grand Lodge. The skill and fidelity displayed by you in its formation give us the assurance that the entire work will meet the fullest expectations of its projectors. This bold and hazardous undertaking you have thus far prosecuted with triumphant success, and I sincerely pray that you may be equally fortunate through every stage of its progress until it shall be completed.

I return to you the Square, Level and Plumb which have been so

faithfully employed on the stupendous specimen of operative masonry which we have now inspected. It would be presumptuous in me to charge so skilled a workman as you have proved yourself to be, as to their use in architecture ; and I will therefore allude merely to their significance in speculative Masonry.

The *Square* we use, symbolically, to teach the importance of self-control and integrity, the *Level*, equality, and the *Plumb* moral rectitude and the duty we owe to our neighbor. Let, therefore, the overseer of this work be reminded by the *Square*, of his obligations faithfully to discharge the great trust reposed in him ; by the *Level*, that though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet he should not forget that the workmen are entitled to his fraternal sympathies ; and by the *Plumb*, that it is his duty to require them to act courteously to each other, work diligently, and co-operate harmoniously, so that they "shall be faithful to the Lord and honestly finish their work."

Gentlemen and Brethren—Through the polite invitation of Captain Alexander, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has had the privilege to assist on this interesting occasion, and by the ancient rites of the Masonic Order to commemorate the successful commencement of this humane enterprise, designed to be a "pillar of fire by night" to warn the tempest tossed mariner of danger, and guide him on in safety to the tranquil and secure harbor.

For centuries has the fraternity, for whom I have the honor to speak, been so far identified with operative Masonry, that their imposing and solemn ceremonies have been solicited to signalize the beginning and completion of public edifices—governmental, charitable, scientific and religious. Wherever Freemasonry has existed—and its existence is co-extensive with civilization, permeating every portion of the globe where the Christian religion has been established—its aid has been required to solemnize great achievements in architecture. It is therefore befitting this time and this place that the Grand Lodge of this State should engage in these services and join in the general commendation of the benevolent work here begun.

That I may show the variety of structures, the foundations of which were laid with Masonic honors, I would trespass upon your time for one moment to indicate a few of the more prominent instances within the Masonic jurisdictions of the United States and Great Britain which were thus distinguished. Within the United States :—

In 1793 the foundation-stone of the Capitol at Washington was laid by Brother George Washington, who was then President.

1795, July 4th, of the present State House of Massachusetts by Paul Revere, Grand Master.

1825, June 24th, of the Bunker Hill Monument by John Abbot G. Master, assisted by the illustrious Lafayette.

1830, the Masonic Temple, Boston.

1846, May 1st, of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington by the Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

1848, July 4th, of the Washington Monument at the capital of the United States.

1856, April 12th, of the Monument erected to the memory of Henry Clay, at New Orleans; and

1856, July 4th, of the State Hospital of the Insane, at Northampton, Mass., by Winslow Lewis, Grand Master.

Within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland:—

1502, of Westminster Abbey.

1607, of the palace at Whitehall, the ceremonies having been conducted with great pomp and splendor.

1673, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, by Sir Christopher Wren, the Grand Master of England.

1675, of the late Bethlehem Hospital for Lunatics, in Moorfields.

1753, Sept. 13th, of the New Exchange of Edinburgh, by the Grand Master of Scotland.

1775, May 1st, of New Masonic Hall, London.

1785, Aug. 1st, of the South Bridge, Edinburgh, by Lord Haddo, G. Master.

1789, Nov. 16th, of the new College of Edinburgh, by Lord Napier, Grand Master of Scotland.

1801, May 14th, of the Wet Docks, at Leith, Scotland, by the Earl of Dalkeith, Grand Master.

1801, June 29th, of the Bridge over the Spey, by the Marquis of Huntley, Prov. Grand Master for Bamfshire, Scotland.

1807, September 1st, of North Pier of Frazerburgh, New Harbor.

1809, Dec. 31, of Covent Garden Theatre, by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England and Scotland.

1820, January 25th, of a Monument to the memory of Robert Burns, the Mason poet, at Alloway Kirk, in Ayrshire.

1831, of Charing Cross Hospital, by the Duke of Sussex, G. Master of England.

1834, of an embankment at Weymouth; of the Royal Arcade, at Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, by the Earl of Durham; of the Pillar of

Truro; and of a Monument to the memory of Sir John Malcolm, at Langholm, Scotland.

1836, of a National School at Nantwich; of the General Lunatic Asylum at Northampton, by the Earl of Spencer; of a new Bridge at Redcliffe, &c.

1837, of the Monument to the memory of Sir Walter Scott, who was a member of the Lodge of St. David's, Edinburgh; of the Guild-hall, at Weymouth; and of the New Exchange at Wakefield, by the Earl of Mexborough.

1838, of a Light House at Gibraltar, by His Excellency Major Gen. Sir Alexander Woodford, K. C. B., assisted by Brother the Rev. Dr. Burrow, P. G. M.; and of a series of Bridges and Viaducts on the Glasgow and Ayr Railway.

1839, of the Athenæum in Sunderland, by the Duke of Sussex; of a Monument to the Duke of Gordon; of Rochester Bridge, and a Wet Dock at Montrose.

1840, of a Corn Exchange at Wakefield, and of Queen's Hospital at Birmingham.

In the Dedication Ceremonies we poured Corn, Wine and Oil upon the stone, they being, when taken together, the Masonic symbol of prosperity and abundance, and by it, therefore, we manifested our sincere wishes that the superstructure might be prosperously raised, and abundantly promote the objects for which it is designed. Separately, we emply *corn* to symbolize health, strength and plenty; *wine* to denote prosperity and joy; and *oil* as a token of peace and gladness. Thus far it has seemed to me proper to unveil the Arcana of our Order to the company, who have so attentively and respectfully witnessed our performances; and we trust we shall be believed when we say, in the words of a writer of the last century, that "Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols."

I congratulate you, Mr. Mayor, that the enlightened city over which you so happily preside, will enjoy so largely the economical and humane advantages to be derived from the establishment of a light-house on this, one of the most perilous localities upon these shores. Though the light here to be dispensed shall shine upon the flag of every nation that may visit these waters, yet no maritime port will reap its benefits to the same extent as that of Boston. Its navigation interests, which contribute so extensively to the welfare of our country, and minister so much to the intercourse and civilization of the world, justly merit the protection and fostering care of the federal government by all the means it can legally exercise.

CONTENTS OF THE BOX.

The metallic box which is set in the corner-stone will contain a silver plate, four and one-eighth by eight and seven-eighths inches, on which is beautifully engraved the following :—

The Corner Stone
of
Minot's Ledge Light House,
Laid Oct. 2, 1858,
By the Grand Lodge of Masons
of Massachusetts,
M. W. John T. Heard, Grand Master,
In presence of
The City Council of Boston.
President of the United States,
James Buchanan.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Howell Cobb.
Collector of the Port of Boston and Charlestown,
Arthur W. Austin.
Superintendent,
Capt. B. S. Alexander, U. S. A.
Governor of Massachusetts,
Nathaniel P. Banks.
Mayor of Boston,
Frederic W. Lincoln, Jr.

GRAND OFFICERS

Since March 5, 5792, when "The St. John's Grand Lodge" and "The Massachusetts Grand Lodge" were united under the name of "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

5792.

Election March 5, 5792. Installation March 19, 5792.

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| John Cutler, G. Master. | John Lowell, D. G. M. |
| Josiah Bartlett, S. G. W. | Mungo Mackay, J. G. W. |
| Samuel Parkman, G. T. | Thomas Farrington, G. S. |
| William Little, S. G. D. | William Donnison, J. G. D. |
| John Brazer, S. G. S. | Lewis Hayt, J. G. S. |
| Samuel Bradford, G. M. | Benjamin Russell, G. S. B. |
| Jones and Newman, Grand Tylers. | |

5793.

Election Dec. 10, 5792. Installation Dec. 27, 5792.

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| John Cutler, G. Master. | John Lowell, D. G. M. |
| Josiah Bartlett, S. G. W. | Mungo Mackay, J. G. W. |
| Samuel Parkman, G. T. | Samuel Colesworthy, Jr., G. S. |
| William Little, S. G. D. | William Donnison, J. G. D. |
| John Brazer, S. G. S. | Lewis Hayt, J. G. S. |
| Samuel Bradford, G. M. | Benjamin Russell, G. S. B. |
| John Jones and Robert Newman, Tylers. | |

5794.

Election Dec. 12, 5793. Installation same evening.

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| *John Cutler, G. Master. | Josiah Bartlett, D. G. M. |
| Mungo Mackay, S. G. W. | Samuel Parkman, J. G. W. |
| William Little, G. T. | Samuel Colesworthy, Jr., G. S. |
| William Donnison, S. G. D. | John Brazer, J. G. D. |
| Lewis Hayt, S. G. S. | Norton Brailsford, J. G. S. |
| Samuel Bradford, G. M. | Benjamin Russell, G. S. B. |

Bro. Hooton, G. Tyler.

*Died Oct 26, 5805, aged 82 years—buried under Trinity Church, Boston.

5795.

| Election Dec. 8, 5794. | Installation Dec. 12, 5794. |
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| Paul Revere, G. Master. | William Scollay, D. G. M. |
| Isaiah Thomas, S. G. W. | Richard Salter, J. G. W. |
| William Little, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| William Donnison, S. G. D. | Lewis Hayt, J. G. D. |
| Norton Brailsford, S. G. S. | John Boyle, J. G. S. |
| William Calder, G. M. | Benjamin Russell, G. S. B. |
| Jesse Houghton, G. Tyler. | |

5796.

| Election Dec. 14, 5795. | Installation same evening |
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| Paul Revere, G. Master. | William Scollay, D. G. M. |
| Isaiah Thomas, S. G. W. | Joseph Laughton, J. G. W. |
| William Little, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| William Donnison, S. G. D. | Lewis Hayt, J. G. D. |
| Norton Brailsford, S. G. S. | John Boyle, J. G. S. |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | Amos Lincoln, G. S. B. |
| Jesse Houghton, G. Tyler. | |

5797.

| Election Dec. 12, 5796. | Installation same evening. |
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| *Paul Revere, G. Master. | Samuel Dunn, D. G. M. |
| Isaiah Thomas, S. G. W. | Joseph Laughton, J. G. W. |
| William Little, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| Thaddens M. Harris, G. C.† | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| Norton Brailsford, S. G. D. | John Boyle, J. G. D. |
| Joshua Thomas, S. G. S. | William Marean, J. G. S. |
| Amos Lincoln, G. S. B. | Lemuel Luden, G. Tyler. |

*Born in Boston in Dec., 5734, O. S. (January 1, 5735;) died there in May, 5818, aged 84.

† Appointment of Chaplain authorized by vote Dec. 12, 5796.

5798.

| Election Dec. 11, 5797. | Installation Dec. 27, 5797. |
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| *Josiah Bartlett, G. Master. | Samuel Dunn, D. G. M. |
| Joseph Laughton, S. G. W. | William Little, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Dennie, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| Thaddens M. Harris, G. C. | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| John Boyle, S. G. D. | John Gorham, J. G. D. |
| William Marean, S. G. S. | John Raymond, J. G. S. |
| Amos Lincoln, G. S. B. | Simon Wyman, G. Tyler. |

*Address recorded.

5799.

Election Dec. 10, 5798. Installation same evening.

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| *Josiah Bartlett, G. Master. | Samuel Dunn, D. G. M. |
| Joseph Laughton, S. G. W. | John Boyle, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, G. C. | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| Amos Lincoln, S. G. D. | Joseph Churchill, J. G. D. |
| Amariah Childs, G. S. B. | William Lewis, Assist. G. Sec'y. |
| William Marean, S. G. S. | John Raymond, J. G. S. |

George Geyer, G. Tyler.

*Letter declining election recorded.

5800.

Election Dec. 9, 5799. Installation Dec. 17, 5799.

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| Samuel Dunn, G. Master. | Joseph Laughton, D. G. M. |
| John Boyle, S. G. W. | Thaddeus M. Harris, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| William Bentley, G. C. | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| Amos Lincoln, S. G. D. | Joseph Churchill, J. G. D. |
| Amariah Childs, G. S. B. | William Lewis, Dep'y G. Sec'y. |
| John Edmunds, S. G. S. | John Risbrough, J. G. S. |

George Geyer, G. Tyler.

5801.

Election Dec. 8, 5800. Installation same evening.

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| Samuel Dunn, G. Master. | Joseph Laughton, D. G. M. |
| John Boyle, S. G. W. | Isaac Hurd, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | Daniel Oliver, G. S. |
| John Elliot, G. C. | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| Amos Lincoln, S. G. D. | Paul Revere, Jun., J. G. D. |
| Edward Goodwin, G. S. B. | Amariah Child, D. G. S. |
| John Risbrough, S. G. S. | John Edmunds, J. G. S. |

George Geyer, G. Tyler.

March 9, 5801. Appointment of Corresponding Grand Secretary authorized.
 Thaddeus M. Harris appointed. A gold urn for Washington's hair provided.
 June 8, 5801, Daniel Oliver resigned, John Proctor elected R. G. Secretary.

5802.

Election Dec. 14, 5801. Installation same evening.

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| *Samuel Dunn, G. Master. | Joseph Laughton, D. G. M. |
| John Boyle, S. G. W. | Isaac Hurd, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Thaddens M. Harris, C. G. S. | John Elliot, G. C. |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | Edward Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| Amos Lincoln, S. G. D. | Paul Revere, Jr., J. G. D. |
| John Risbrough, S. G. S. | John Edmunds, J. G. S. |
| John Greene, G. Tyler. | |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Boyle, Boston, | No. 1. | John D. Dunbar, Plymouth, | No. 7. |
| | No. 2. | | No. 8. |
| | No. 3. | | No. 9. |
| Seth Padelford, Taunton, | No. 4. | | No. 10. |
| Timo. Whiting, Lancaster, | No. 5. | | No. 11. |
| | No. 6. | | No. 12. |

Dec. 15, 5901. Adjourned meeting. Adopted Articles for appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters. Also, at this Communication, a committee was appointed to assist the Grand Master "in districting the several Lodges."

*Born in Providence, R. I., in 5753—died in Boston, Nov. 28, 5815—buried in Stone Chapel burying ground.

5803.

Election Dec. 13, 5802. Installation Dec. 27, 5802.

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| Isaiah Thomas, G. Master. | Simon Elliot, D. G. M. |
| Isaac Hurd, S. G. W. | Timothy Bigelow, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Thaddens M. Harris, C. G. S. | Ezra Ripley, G. C. |
| Shubael Bell, S. G. D. | Henry Fowle, J. G. D. |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | Edward Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| Francis J. Oliver, S. G. S. | John W. Gurley, J. G. S. |
| Joseph W. Revere, S. G. P. | John May, Jr., J. G. P. |
| John Greene, G. Tyler. | |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Boyle, Boston, | No. 1. | | No. 7. |
| Jona. Gage, Newburyport, | No. 2. | Caleb Hyde, Lenox, | No. 8. |
| | No. 3. | Woodbury Storer, Portland, | No. 9. |
| | No. 4. | | No. 10. |
| Timo. Whiting, Lancaster, | No. 5. | | No. 11. |
| | No. 6. | | No. 12. |

5804.

Election Dec. 12, 5803. Installation same evening.

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| Isaiah Thomas, G. Master. | Simon Elliot, D. G. M. |
| Timothy Bigelow, S. G. W. | John Soley, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| *Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| Shubael Bell, S. G. D. | Henry Fowle, J. G. D. |
| Francis J. Oliver, S. G. S. | John B. Hammatt, J. G. S. |
| Joseph Revere, S. G. P. | John May, Jr., J. G. P. |
| Edward Goodwin, G. S. B. | John Greene, G. Tyler. |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Boyle, Boston, No. 1. | No. 7. |
| Jona. Gage, Newburyport, No. 2. | Caleb Hyde, Lenox, No. 8. |
| John D. Dunbar, Plymouth, No. 3. | Woodbury Storer, Portland, No. 9. |
| Seth Padelford, Taunton, No. 4. | Geo. Ullmer, Lincolnville, No. 10. |
| Timo. Whiting, Lancaster, No. 5. | No. 11. |
| No. 6. | Wm. Coffin, Nantucket, No. 12. |

*Officiated also as Grand Chaplain.

5805.

Election Dec. 10, 5804. Installation same evening.

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| Isaiah Thomas, G. Master. | Simon Elliot, D. G. M. |
| Timothy Bigelow, S. G. W. | John Soley J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Benjamin Russell, G. M. |
| Shubael Bell, S. G. D. | Henry Fowle, J. G. D. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. S. | John May, Jr., J. G. S. |
| Thomas Redman, S. G. P. | Samuel Nye, J. G. P. |
| Edward Goodwin, G. S. B. | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Grand Chaplains.

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| John Murray, Boston. | John Piper, Taunton, and for Masonic Districts in Maine. |
| Asa Eaton, Boston. | Jacob Henrick, Durham. |
| James Morse, Newburyport. | Thurston Whiting, Warren. |
| Ezekiel L. Bascomb, Gerry. | |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Boyle, Boston, No. 1. | Sol. Vose, Northfield, No. 7. |
| Jona. Gage, Newburyport, No. 2. | Caleb Hyde, Lenox, No. 8. |
| J. D. Dunbar, Plymouth, No. 3. | Woodbury Storer, Portland, No. 9. |
| Seth Padelford, Taunton, No. 4. | Geo. Ullmer, Lincolnville, No. 10. |
| Timo. Whiting, Lancaster, No. 5. | John Cooper, Machias, No. 11. |
| E. H. Phillips, Chariton, No. 6. | Wm. Coffin, Nantucket, No. 12. |

July 22, 5805. Benj. Gleason commissioned as G. Lecturer. Instructions to him on record, Sept 10, 5805. He died in Concord, Mass., Sept. 5847, aged 70 yrs.

5806.

Election Dec. 9, 5805. *Installation Dec. 27, 5805.

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| Timothy Bigelow, G. Master. | Simon Elliot, D. G. M. |
| John Soley, S. G. W. | Shubael Bell, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Henry Fowle, S. G. D. | Edward Goodwin, J. G. D. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | John Murray, Asa Eaton, and E. |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | L. Bascomb, G. Chaplains. |
| John May, Jr., G. S. B. | Samuel Nye, Jr., J. G. S. |
| Thomas Redman, S. G. S. | Stephen Badlam, J. G. P. |
| Owen Warland, S. G. P. | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Boyle, Boston, | No. 1. | Dan. Stebbens, S. Hadley, No. 7. |
| Jona. Gage, Newburyport, No. 2. | | Robert Walker, Windsor, No. 8. |
| Hector Orr, Bridgewater, No. 3. | | Woodbury Storer, Portland, No. 9. |
| Seth Padelford, Taunton, No. 4. | | Geo. Ullmer, Lincolnville, No. 10. |
| J. Maynard, Framingham, No. 5. | | John Cooper, Machias, No. 11. |
| E. H. Phillips, Charlton, No. 6. | | Wm. Coffin, Nantucket, No. 12. |

*Oration by Henry Maurice Lisle. Sept. 8, Report of Grand Lecturer presented.

5807.

Election Dec. 8, 5806. Installation same evening.

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| Timothy Bigelow, G. Master. | Simon Elliot, D. G. M. |
| John Soley, S. G. W. | Shubael Bell, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Henry Fowle, S. G. D. | Edward Goodwin, J. G. D. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | John Murray, Asa Eaton, E. L. Bas- |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | comb, G. C.'s |
| John May, Jr., G. S. B. | Stephen Badlam, J. G. S. |
| Thomas Redman, S. G. S. | Robert Lash, J. G. P. |
| Eliphalet Hale, S. G. P. | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Daniel Davis, Boston, No. 1. | D. Stebbins, Northampton, No. 7. |
| Jona. Gage, Newburyport, No. 2. | Robert Walker, Windsor, No. 8. |
| Hector Orr, Bridgewater, No. 3. | W. Storer, Portland, No. 9. |
| James Ellis, Rehoboth, No. 4. | G. Ullmer, Lincolnville, No. 10. |
| J. Maynard, Framingham, No. 5. | John Cooper, Machias, No. 11. |
| E. L. Bascomb, Gerry, No. 6. | John Brock, Nantucket, No. 12. |

Dec. 8, 5806. Regulations defining duties of D. D. G. Masters adopted.

5808.

Election Dec. 14, 5807. Installation same evening.

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| Timothy Bigelow, G. Master. | Simon Elliot, D. G. M. |
| Shubael Bell, S. G. W. | Henry Fowle, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Asa Eaton, Jas. Thompson, G. C.'s |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| Francis J. Oliver, S. G. D. | John B. Hammatt, J. G. D. |
| Robert Lash, Jr., S. G. S. | Job Drew, J. G. S. |
| Michael Roulstone, S. G. P. | Pliney Hartshorn, J. G. P. |
| William Eaton, G. Tyler. | |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Daniel Davis, Boston, | No. 1. | John Phelps, Granville, | No. 7. |
| Elias H. Derby, Salem, | No. 2. | Robert Walker, Windsor, | No. 8. |
| C. Turner, Jr., Scituate, | No. 3. | J. D. Hopkins, Portland, | No. 9. |
| James Ellis, Rehoboth, | No. 4. | S. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| J. Maynard, Framingham, | No. 5. | Oliver Shead, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| E. L. Bascomb, Gerry, | No. 6. | John Brock, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

5809.

Election Dec. 12, 5808. Installation Dec. 27, 5808.

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| *Isaiah Thomas, G. Master. | John Boyle, D. G. M. |
| Henry Fowle, S. G. W. | Francis J. Oliver, J. G. W. |
| Allen Crocker, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | John Murray, Asa Eaton, E. L. Bas- |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | comb, G. C.'s |
| Thomas Redman, G. S. B. | Robert Lash, Jr., J. G. D. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. D. | John Baker, Jeremiah Gardner, G. |
| Job Drew, M. Roulstone, Pliney | P.'s |
| Hartshorne, G. S.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| H. M. Lisle, Milton, | No. 1. | John Phelps, Granville, | No. 7. |
| John Saunders, Salem, | No. 2. | R. Walker, Windsor, | No. 8. |
| C. Turner, Jr., Scituate, | No. 3. | J. D. Hopkins, Portland, | No. 9. |
| James Ellis, Rehoboth, | No. 4. | Sam. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| T. Whiting, Lancaster, | No. 5. | Oliver Shead, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| James Thompson, Barre, | No. 6. | John Brock, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*Born in Boston, January 19, 5749—died in Worcester, April, 5831, aged 82.

5810.

*Election Dec. 12, 5809. Installation Dec. 27, 5809.

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| †Josiah Bartlett, G. Master. | John Boyle, D. G. M. |
| Francis J. Oliver, S. G. W. | Oliver Prescott J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Asa Eaton, John Murray, G. C.'s |
| Benjamin Russell, G. M. | Robert Lash, Jr., J. G. D. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. D. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| Job Drew, M. Roulstone, Pliney Hartshorne, G. S.'s | John Baker, Jeremiah Gardner, G. P.'s |

William Eaton, G. Tyler.

Committee of Finance.

Benjamin Russell, Henry Fowle, Henry Purkitt.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Shubael Bell, Boston, | No. 1. | John Phelps, Granville, | No. 7. |
| †John Saunders, Salem, | No. 2. | Robert Walker, Windsor, | No. 8. |
| Chas. Turner, Jr., Scituate, | No. 3. | J. D. Hopkins, Portland, | No. 9. |
| James Ellis, Rehoboth, | No. 4. | Saml. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| T. Whiting, Lancaster, | No. 5. | Oliver Shead, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| James Thompson, Barre, | No. 6. | John Brock, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*The Annual Communication was on the 11th Dec., when no choice of officers having been made, the Grand Lodge adjourned to the 12th Dec. when the election was effected.

†Born in Charlestown, Aug. 11, 5759, where he died March 3, 5820, and was buried. His biography will be found in the work entitled "Eminent Physicians of Massachusetts."

‡Resigned June 10, 5810, and Joshua Greenleaf was appointed in his place. The latter probably resigned, as James Gardner, of Lynn, appears to have filled the office during the rest of the year.

5811.

Election Dec. 10, 5810. Installation Dec. 17, 5810.

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| Timothy Bigelow, G. Master. | Samuel Bradford, D. G. M. |
| Francis J. Oliver, S. G. W. | Benjamin Russell, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Proctor, R. G. S. |
| John Bartlett, C. G. S. | Asa Eaton, G. C. |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. D. | Job Drew, J. G. D. |
| Michael Roulstone, Ephraim Bea- | Joseph Batson, S. G. P. |
| man, Andrew Roulstone, Benj. | Benjamin Burchstead, J. G. P. |
| Ingalls, G. S.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, John Dixwell, John B. Hammatt.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Dixwell, Boston, | No. 1. | John Phelps, Granville, | No. 7. |
| Joseph Baker, Salem, | No. 2. | Robert Walker, Windsor, | No. 8. |
| J. Waterman, Barnstable, | No. 3. | J. D. Hopkins, Portland, | No. 9. |
| James Ellis, Rehoboth, | No. 4. | S. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| John Abbot, Westford, | No. 5. | Oliver Shead, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| James Thompson, Barre, | No. 6. | John Brock, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

5811, June. New Constitutions adopted. One of their provisions was, that the Installations of Officers of Grand Lodge should take place on the festival of St. John the Evangelist.

5812.

Election Dec. 9, 5811. Installation Dec. 27, 5811.

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| Timothy Bigelow, G. Master. | *Thaddeus M. Harris, D. G. M. |
| Francis J. Oliver, S. G. W. | Benjamin Russell, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | †John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. D. | Job Drew, J. G. D. |
| Michael Roulstone, Ephraim Bea- | Thos. Crehore, D. Withington, G. |
| man, And. Roulstone, J. Good- | P.'s |
| enow, G. S.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, John Dixwell, John B. Hammatt.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| John Dixwell, Boston, | No. 1. | John Phelps, Granville, | No. 7. |
| John Baker, Salem, | No. 2. | Robert Walker, Windsor, | No. 8. |
| J. Waterman, Barnstable, | No. 3. | J. D. Hopkins, Portland, | No. 9. |
| James Ellis, Rhoebboth, | No. 4. | S. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| John Abbot, Westford, | No. 5. | Oliver Shead, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| James Thompson, Barre, | No. 6. | John Brock, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*March 9, 5311, resigned.

†By new regulation the R. G. S. must be a Past Master of a Lodge, which Brother Proctor was not.

The Records show no appointments for the offices of C. G. S. and G. C. this year.

5813.

Election Dec. 14, 5812. Installation Dec. 28, 5812.

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| *Timothy Bigelow, G. Master. | Francis J. Oliver, D. G. M. |
| Benjamin Russell, S. G. W. | John Abbot, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Asa Eaton, G. C. |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. D. | Job Drew, J. G. D. |
| Michael Roulstone, Ephraim Bea- | Thomas Crehore, Daniel Withing- |
| man, Andrew Roulstone, Elijah | ton, G. P.'s |
| Learnard, G. S.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, John Dixwell, John B. Hammatt.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Asa Peabody, Boston, | No. 1. | E. Alvord, Greenfield, | No. 7. |
| Joseph Baker, Salem, | No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, | No. 8. |
| J. Waterman, Barnstable, | No. 3. | J. D. Hopkins, Portland, | No. 9. |
| Abner Morse, Medway, | No. 4. | S. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| J. Adams, Framingham, | No. 5. | Eben. Inglee, Machias, | No. 11. |
| James Thompeon, Barre, | No. 6. | P. Hussey, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*Born in Worcester, April 30, 5767—died in Medford, May 18, 5821.

5814.

Election Dec. 13, 5813. Installation Dec. 27, 5813.

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| Benjamin Russell, G. Master. | Francis J. Oliver, D. G. M. |
| John Abbot, S. G. W. | John B. Hammatt, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Asa Eaton, Paul Dean, G. C.'s |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| Job Drew, Michael Roulstone, G. | Ephraim Beaman, Andrew Roul- |
| D.'s | stone, Elijah Learnard, William |
| Joseph George Sprague, Thos. L. | Goddard, G. S.'s |
| Parker, G. P.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, John Dixwell, John B. Hammatt.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Asa Peabody, Boston, | No. 1. | E. Alvord, Greenfield, | No. 7. |
| R. H. French, Marblehead, | No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, | No. 8. |
| J. Waterman, Barnstable, | No. 3. | Oliver Bray, Portland, | No. 9. |
| Abner Morse, Medway, | No. 4. | S. Thatcher, Warren, | No. 10. |
| Caleb Butler, Groton, | No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Machias, | No. 11. |
| E. L. Bascomb, Phillipston, | No. 6. | P. Hussey, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

5815.

Election Dec. 14, 5814. Installation Dec. 27, 5814.

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| Benjamin Russell, G. Master. | Francis J. Oliver, D. G. M. |
| John B. Hammatt, S. G. W. | Joseph Baker, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Thaddeus M. Harris, C. G. S. | Paul Dean, John Bartlett, G. C.'s |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| Job Drew, Michael Roulstone, G. D.'s | Joseph G. Sprague, Andrew Roulstone, Thomas L. Parker, Zachariah G. Whitman, G. S.'s |
| Daniel L. Gibbens, S. Johnson, G. P.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, John Dixwell, John B. Hammatt.

Committee on Charity.

Francis J. Oliver, Shubael Bell, *Jonathan Whitney.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Elijah Morse, Boston, No. 1. | E. Alvord, Greenfield, No. 7. |
| Ralph H. French, Salem, No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, No. 8. |
| J. Waterman, Barnstable, No. 3. | Oliver Bray, Portland, No. 9. |
| Abner Morse, Medway, No. 4. | S. Thatcher, Warren, No. 10. |
| Caleb Butler, Groton, No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Machias, No. 11. |
| E. L. Bascomb, Phillipston, No. 6. | P. Hussey, Nantucket, No. 12. |

*Resigned March 13th, and M. Roulstone appointed.

June 12, 5815. Report on the funeral of Dr. John Warren.

5816.

Election Dec. 11, 5815. Installation Dec. 27, 5815.

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| *Benjamin Russell, G. Master. | Francis J. Oliver, D. G. M. |
| Augustus Peabody, S. G. W. | Ralph H. French, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| John Bartlett, C. G. S. | Thomas Redman, G. S. B. |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Andrew Roulstone, Thos. L. Parker, Zach. G. Whitman, Daniel L. Gibbens, G. S.'s |
| Job Drew, Michael Roulstone, G. D.'s | |
| Paul Dean, Edw. Turner, G. C.'s | Seth Johnson, Jos. Jenkins, G. P.'s |
| | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, John Dixwell, John J. Loring.

Committee on Charity.

Paul Dean, Augustus Peabody, Elijah Morse.

*Died in Boston, January 4, 5845, aged 83 years—interred in the Granary burial ground.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Elijah Morse, Boston, | No. 1. | E. Alvord, Greenfield, | No. 7. |
| James C. King, Salem, | No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, | No. 8. |
| N. Mitchell, Bridgewater, | No. 3. | Oliver Bray, Portland, | No. 9. |
| Peter Adams, Stoughton, | No. 4. | S. L. Wilkinson, Thomas- | No. 10. |
| | | ton, | |
| Caleb Butler, Groton, | No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Machias, | No. 11. |
| E. L. Bascomb, Phillipston, | No. 6. | Nath'l Barrett, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

5817.

Election Dec. 9, 5816. Installation Dec. 27, 5816.

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| Francis J. Oliver, G. Master. | John Dixwell, D. G. M. |
| Augustus Peabody, S. G. W. | Ralph H. French, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Edward Turner, C. G. S. | Benjamin Smith, G. S. B. |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | Matthew S. Parker, S. J. Gard- |
| Robert Gould Shaw, Elijah Morse, | ner, Thomas Power, Lusher |
| Jr., G. D.'s | Gay, G. S.'s |
| Asa Eaton, Ezekiel L. Bascomb, | Elisha Wheeler, Jeremiah Pea- |
| Alpheus Harding, G. C.'s | body, G. P.'s |
| | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, Matthew S. Parker, John J. Loring.

Committee on Charity.

John Dixwell, Augustus Peabody, Elijah Morse.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| S. P. P. Fay, Cambridge, | No. 1. | Titus Strong, Greenfield, | No. 7. |
| James C. King, Salem, | No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, | No. 8. |
| Hector Orr, Bridgewater, | No. 3. | Simon Greenleaf, Gray, | No. 9. |
| James Bliss, Sekonk, | No. 4. | S. L. Wilkinson, Thomas- | No. 10. |
| | | ton, | |
| Caleb Butler, Groton, | No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Machias, | No. 11. |
| J. F. Robbins, Phillipston, | No. 6. | N. Barrett, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

5818.

Election Dec. 8, 5817. Installation Dec. 27, 5817.

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| Francis J. Oliver, G. Master. | John Dixwell, D. G. M. |
| Caleb Butler, S. G. W. | James Charles King, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Elijah Morse, C. G. S. | Asa Eaton, Alpheus Harding, Ed- |
| Henry Fowle, G. M. | ward Turner, G. C.'s |
| Matthew S. Parker, S. J. Gard- | Lusher Gay, Elisha Wheeler, Jere- |
| ner, G. D.'s | miah Peabody, Benjamin Whip- |
| Benjamin Smith, G. S. B. | ple, G. S.'s |
| Ferdinand E. White, Samuel Da- | *John J. Loring, Dep. G. Sec. |
| vis, G. P.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Henry Fowle, Matthew S. Parker, John J. Loring.

Committee on Charity.

Joseph Baker, Daniel L. Gibbens, Robert Lash.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Thomas Power, Boston, No. 1. | Titus Strong, Greenfield, No. 7. |
| Andrew Nichols, Danvers, No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, No. 8. |
| S. Baker, Barnstable, No. 3. | Simon Greenleaf, Gray, No. 9. |
| A. Richardson, Jr., Attle- | |
| boro, No. 4. | Manley Hardy, Bucksport, No. 10. |
| David Wilder, Leominster, No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Machias, No. 11. |
| J. F. Robbins, Phillipston, No. 6. | H. B. Gardner, Nantucket, No. 12. |

*Dec. 27, 5817. Nominated by R. G. Sec. and appointed by G. Master.

5819.

Election Dec. 9, 5818. Installation Dec. 28, 5818.

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| *Francis J. Oliver, G. Master. | S. P. P. Fay, D. G. M. |
| Caleb Butler, S. G. W. | Joseph Jenkins, J. G. W. |
| Andrew Sigourney, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Elijah Morse, C. G. S.† | Asa Eaton, Alpheus Harding, Ed. |
| Benjamin Smith, G. M. | Turner, G. C.'s |
| S. J. Gardner, Lusher Gay, G. D.'s | Saml. Thaxter, E. Wheeler, Jere |
| Jas. A. Dickson, Benj. B. Apple- | Peabody, Benj. Whipple, G. S.'s |
| ton, G. P.'s | Charles Wells, G. S. B. |
| | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, Samuel Thaxter, James A. Dickson.

Committee on Charity.

Henry Purkitt, Joseph Jenkins, Benj. B. Appleton.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Thomas Power, Boston, | No. 1. | T. Strong, Greenfield, | No. 7. |
| Andrew Nichols, Danvers, | No. 2. | J. Whiting, G. Barrington, | No. 8. |
| S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 3. | Wm. Swan, Portland, | No. 9. |
| A. Richardson, Jr., Attle- | | | |
| boro, | No. 4. | M. Hardy, Bucksport, | No. 10. |
| D. Wilder, Leominster, | No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| J. F. Robbins, Phillipston, | No. 6. | H. B. Gardner, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen March 10, 1819.

†Josiah Bartlett, Thomas Dawes, Samuel Parkman, Thomas Dennie,
Thaddeus Mason Harris, Asa Eaton.

*Born in Boston, Oct. 10, 1777—died in Middletown, Conn., Aug. 21, 1858.

†Dec. 8, 1819, Josiah Bartlett having declined the office, Francis J. Oliver was elected in his place.

5820.

Election Dec. 8, 1819. Installation Dec. 27, 1819.

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| *Samuel P. P. Fay, G. Master. | Asa Eaton, D. G. M. |
| †Andrew Sigourney, S. G. W. | Thomas Cole, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | John Soley, R. G. S. |
| Thomas Power, C. G. S. | Paul Dean, Cheever Felch, Titus |
| John J. Loring, G. M. | Strong, G. C.'s |
| Lusher Gay, S. Thaxter, G. D.'s | James A. Dickson, Benjamin B. |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | Appleton, Ethan Cobb, Benja- |
| John Chadwick, D. Baxter, Jr., G. | min Whipple, G. S.'s |
| P.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, Samuel Thaxter, James A. Dickson.

Committee on Charity.

B. B. Appleton, John Chadwick, Aaron Bean.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| S. J. Gardner, Roxbury, | No. 1. | A. Harding, New Salem, | No. 7. |
| J. G. Johnson, Newburyport, | No. 2. | Joseph Tucker, Lenox, | No. 8. |
| S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 3. | J. Mitchell, Freeport, | No. 9. |
| Elijah Crane, Canton, | No. 4. | M. Handy, Bucksport, | No. 10. |
| D. Wilder, Leominster, | No. 5. | J. D. Weston, Eastport, | No. 11. |
| J. F. Robbins, Templeton, | No. 6. | H. B. Gardner, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*Born in Concord, Jan. 10, 1778—died in Cambridge, May 18, 1858—buried at Mount Auburn.

†Died in Sept. 1820.

Maine was admitted into the Union as a State this year, and a separate Grand Lodge was therefore formed.

5821.

Election Dec. 13, 5820. Installation Dec. 27, 5820.

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| John Dixwell, G. Master. | John Abbot, D. G. M. |
| Thomas Cole, S. G. W. | Elijah Crane, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| Cheever Felch, C. G. S. | Aaron Green, Ebenezer Hubbard, |
| John J. Loring, G. M. | Wm. Cogswell, Joseph Richard- |
| Lusher Gay, S. Thaxter, G. D.'s | son, G. C.'s |
| Benjamin Whipple, B. B. Apple- | Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| ton, Ethan Cobb, Jas. A. Dick- | Michael Roulstone, Daniel Bax- |
| son, G. S.'s | ter, Jr., G. P.'s |
| William Eaton, G. Tyler. | |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, James A. Dickson, Samuel Thaxter.

Committee on Charity.

Benjamin B. Appleton, John Chadwick, Ferdinand E. White, Calvin Howe, Ethan Cobb.

**District Deputy Grand Masters.*

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|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Paul Dean, Boston, | No. 1. | J. F. Robbins, Templeton, | No. 6. |
| J. G. Johnson, Newburyport, | No. 2. | A. Harding, New Salem, | No. 7. |
| S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 3. | Joseph Tucker, Lenox, | No. 8. |
| Josiah J. Fiske, Wrentham, | No. 4. | S. F. Swift, Nantucket, | No. 9. |
| A. Haskell, Jr., Lunenburg, | No. 5. | | |

*Districts increased to twelve in number, March 14, 5821.

5822.

Election Dec. 12, 5821. Installation Dec. 27, 5821.

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| John Dixwell, G. Master. | John Abbot, D. G. M. |
| Thomas Cole, S. G. W. | Elijah Crane, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| *Warren Peirce, C. G. S. | J. Richardson, William Cogswell, |
| John J. Loring, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| S. Thaxter, B. Whipple, G. D.'s | B. B. Appleton, Jas. A. Dickson, |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | Michael Roulstone, Daniel Bax- |
| Benjamin Huntington, Joseph Eve- | ter, Jr., G. S.'s |
| leth, G. P.'s | William Eaton, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, James A. Dickson, Samuel Thaxter.

*Died in office, and Asa Bullard succeeded him.

Committee on Charity.

Ferdinand E. White, B. B. Appleton, John R. Bradford, David Parker,
Elias Haskell.

*Trustees of the Charity Fund all re-elected.**District Deputy Grand Masters.*

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|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------|
| Paul Dean, Boston, | No. 1. | A. Harding, New Salem, | No. 7. |
| J. G. Johnson, Newburyport, | No. 2. | J. C. Deming, W. Stock- | |
| | | bridge, | No. 8. |
| S. Sampson, Duxbury, | No. 3. | J. Russell, W. Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| J. J. Fiske, Wrentham, | No. 4. | O. B. Morris, Springfield, | No. 10. |
| A. Haskell, Lunenburg, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| J. Thayer, Uxbridge, | No. 6. | E. Starbuck, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

5823.

Election Dec. 11, 5822. Installation Dec. 27, 5822.

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| *John Dixwell, G. Master. | John Abbot, D. G. M. |
| Elijah Crane, S. G. W. | Samuel Thaxter, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| Asa Bullard, C. G. S. | Jos. Richardson, Samuel Ripley, |
| John J. Loring, G. M. | Samuel Clark, G. C.'s |
| B. Whipple, J. A. Dickson, G. D.'s | Benj. B. Appleton, Michael Roul- |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | stone, Daniel Baxter, Jr., Elias |
| F. E. White, Francis Fisher, G. P.'s | Haskell, G. S.'s |
| Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. | |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, James A. Dickson, Ferdinand E. White.

Committee on Charity.

Ferdinand E. White, B. B. Appleton, Francis Fisher, David Parker,
Elias Haskell.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Paul Dean, Boston, | No. 1. | A. Harding, New Salem, | No. 7. |
| Joseph G. Sprague, Salem, | No. 2. | J. C. Deming, W. Stock- | |
| | | bridge, | No. 8. |
| S. Sampson, Duxbury, | No. 3. | Wm. J. Whipple, Cam- | |
| | | bridge, | No. 9. |
| J. J. Fiske, Wrentham, | No. 4. | John Mills, Southwick, | No. 10. |
| A. Haskell, Leominster, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| J. Thayer, Uxbridge, | No. 6. | E. Starbuck, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*Born in Boston, Jun. 6, 5777, where he died Nov. 4, 5834.

5824.

Election Dec. 10, 5823. Installation Dec. 27, 5823.

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| John Abbot, G. Master. | Caleb Butler, D. G. M. |
| Samuel Thaxter, S. G. W. | John Keyes, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| John J. Loring, C. G. S. | Paul Dean, Samuel Clark, Wilkes |
| Ferdinand E. White, G. M. | Allen, G. C.'s |
| James A. Dickson, Benjamin B. | Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| Appleton, G. D.'s | M. Roulstone, Daniel Baxter, Jr., |
| David Parker, Thos. W. Phillips, | Elias Haskell, Francis Fisher, |
| G. P.'s | G. S.'s |

Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler.

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, James A. Dickson, Ferdinand E. White.

*Committee on Charity.*Ferdinand E. White, B. B. Appleton, Francis Fisher, David Parker,
Elias Haskell.*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

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| Asa Bullard, Boston, | No. 1. | O. Fletcher, New Salem, | No. 7. |
| J. G. Sprague, Salem, | No. 2. | | No. 8. |
| J. Richardson, Hingham, | No. 3. | W. J. Whipple, Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| J. J. Fiske, Wrentham, | No. 4. | J. Mills, Southwick, | No. 10. |
| A. Haskell, Jr., Leominster, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| J. Thayer, Uxbridge, | No. 6. | E. Starbuck, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

Sept. 8, 5825. On account of the death of Samuel Parkman, a Trustee of the Charity Fund, John Dixwell was chosen to fill his place.

5825.

Election Dec. 3, 5824. Installation Dec. 27, 5824.

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| John Abbot, G. Master. | Caleb Butler, D. G. M. |
| Samuel Thaxter, S. G. W. | John Keyes, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| John J. Loring, C. G. S. | Paul Dean, E. L. Bascomb, Sam. |
| Ferdinand E. White, G. M. | Clark, Wilkes, Allen, G. C.'s |
| James A. Dickson, Benj. B. Apple- | Michael Roulstone, Daniel Baxter, |
| ton, G. D.'s | Jr., Elias Haskell, Francis Fish- |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | er, G. S.'s |
| D. Parker, T. W. Phillips, G. P.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, James A. Dickson, Ferdinand E. White.

Committee on Charity.

Ferdinand E. White, Benjamin B. Appleton, David Parker, E. Haskell, Simon W. Robinson.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Asa Bullard, Boston, | No. 1. | O. Fletcher, N. Salem, | No. 7. |
| J. Bartlett, Marblehead, | No. 2. | E. F. Ensign, Sheffield, | No. 8. |
| J. Richardson, Hingham, | No. 3. | E. W. Metcalf, Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| Thomas Tolman, Canton, | No. 4. | John Mills, Southwick, | No. 10. |
| A. Haskell, Lunenburg, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| J. Thayer, Uxbridge, | No. 6. | E. Starbuck, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 8, 1824.

Thaddeus M. Harris, Asa Eaton, Francois J. Oliver, John Soley, John Dixwell, Robert G. Shaw.

June 17, 1825. Laid Corner Stone of the Bunker Hill Monument, and on the 18th, the Corner Stone of Court House in Dedham, was deposited by Thomas Tolman, who was duly commissioned for the purpose.

5826.

Election Dec. 14, 1825. Installation Dec. 27, 1825.

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| *John Abbot, G. Master. | Caleb Butler, D. G. M. |
| Samuel Thaxter, S. G. W. | John Keyes, J. G. W. |
| Elijah Morse, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| John J. Loring, C. G. S. | Paul Dean, Samuel Clark, Wilkes |
| Ferdinand E. White, G. M. | Allen, Sebastian Streeter, G. |
| James A. Dickson, Benjamin B. | C.'s |
| Appleton, G. D.'s | M. Roulstone, Daniel Baxter, Jr., |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | Elias Haskell, Francis Fisher, |
| David Parker, George G. Smith, | G. S.'s |
| G. P.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Robert Lash, James A. Dickson, Ferdinand E. White.

Committee on Charity.

Ferdinand E. White, Benj. B. Appleton, David Parker, Elias Haskell, Simon W. Robinson.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| A. A. Dame, Boston, | No. 1. | O. Fletcher, New Salem, | No. 7. |
| J. Bartlett, Marblehead, | No. 2. | Ed. F. Ensign, Sheffield, | No. 8. |
| J. Richardson, Hingham, | No. 3. | Eliab W. Metcalf, Cam- | No. 9. |
| | | bridge, | |
| Thomas Tolman, Canton, | No. 4. | John Mills, Southwick, | No. 10. |
| Wm. Whiting, Concord, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| John Homans, Brookfield, | No. 6. | S. H. Jenks, Nantucket, | No. 12. |

*Died in Westford, April 30, 1854, aged 77 years.

5827.

Election Dec. 13, 5826. Installation Dec. 27, 5826.

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| John Soley, G. Master. | John Bartlett, D. G. M. |
| John Keyes, S. G. W. | John Mills, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| William J. Whipple, C. G. S. | Paul Dean, Samuel Clark, Wilkes |
| Ferdinand E. White, G. M. | Allen, James Sabine, Benjamin |
| James A. Dickson, Benjamin B. | Huntoon, Samuel Barrett, G. C.'s |
| Appleton, G. D.'s | Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| M. Roulstone, Daniel Baxter, Jr., | George G. Smith, John P. Bigelow, |
| Elias Haskell, D. Parker, G. S.'s | G. P.'s |

Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler.

Committee of Finance.

James A. Dickson, Charles C. Nichols, George G. Smith.

*Committee on Charity.*Ferdinand E. White, Benj. B. Appleton, David Parker, Elias Haskell,
Gilbert Nurse.*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

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|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| A. A. Dame, Boston, | No. 1. | Ed. F. Ensign, Sheffield, | No. 8. |
| J. Cook, Jr., Newburyport, | No. 2. | Ephraim Buck, Malden, | No. 9. |
| S. Sprague, Jr., Duxbury, | No. 3. | Charles E. Forbes, North- | |
| Thomas Tolman, Canton, | No. 4. | ampton, | No. 10. |
| Wm. Whiting, Concord, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| Otis Hayden, Brookfield, | No. 6. | S. H. Jenks, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| H. G. Newcomb, Green- | | Jas. L. Hodges, Taunton, | No. 13. |
| field, | No. 7. | | |

5828.

Election Dec. 12, 5827. Installation Dec. 27, 5827.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Soley, G. Master. | John Bartlett, D. G. M. |
| John Keyes, S. G. W. | Henry Purkitt, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| William J. Whipple, C. G. S. | M. Roulstone, Daniel Baxter, Jr., |
| John P. Bigelow, G. M. | Elias Haskell, D. Parker, G. S.'s |
| James A. Dickson, Benjamin B. | George G. Smith, Eliab W. Met- |
| Appleton, G. D.'s | calf, G. P.'s |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

*Grand Chaplains.*James Sabine, Benjamin Huntoon, Samuel Barrett, Henry Jackson,
Benjamin C. Cutler, James Morse, Henry Hersey, Samuel Osgood,
Benjamin Willard, Titus Strong.

Committee of Finance.

James A. Dickson, Charles C. Nichols, George G. Smith.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, David Parker, Elias Haskell, Gilbert Nurse, Aug. W. Roberts.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| A. A. Dame, Boston, | No. 1. | Chas. Baker, Williams- | |
| J. Cook, Jr., Newburyport, | No. 2. | town, | No. 8. |
| S. Sprague, Jr., Duxbury, | No. 3. | Ephraim Buck, Malden, | No. 9. |
| T. S. Mann, Wrentham, | No. 4. | Wm. W. Partridge, North- | |
| Wm. Whiting, Concord, | No. 5. | ampton, | No. 10. |
| Otis Hayden, Brookfield, | No. 6. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| H. G. Newcomb, Green- | | Wm. Morse, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| field, | No. 7. | Luther Hamilton, Taunton, | No. 13. |

Trustees Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 12, 5827.

Thaddeus M. Harris, Asa Eaton, Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Robert G. Shaw, John Abbot.

5829.

Election Dec. 10, 5828. Installation Dec. 27, 5828.

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| *John Soley, G. Master. | John Bartlett, D. G. M. |
| Seth Sprague, Jr., S. G. W. | Abraham A. Dame, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| William J. Whipple, C. G. S. | M. Roulstone, D. Baxter, Jr., E. |
| John P. Bigelow, G. M. | Haskell, D. Parker, G. S.'s |
| James A. Dickson, Benjamin B. | George G. Smith, Eliab W. Met- |
| Appleton, G. D.'s | calf, G. P.'s |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Grand Chaplains.

James Sabine, Benjamin Huntoon, Samuel Barrett, Benjamin C. Cutler, James Morse, Henry Hersey, Samuel Osgood, Benjamin Willard, Titus Strong, Benjamin Putnam.

Committee of Finance.

James A. Dickson, Charles C. Nichols, George G. Smith.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, David Parker, Elias Haskell, Charles C. Nichols, William Knapp.

*Died in Bristol, R. I., April 6, 5851, aged 83 years—buried in Charlestown, Mass., April 9, 5851.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Charles Wells, Boston, | No. 1. | D. N. Dewey, Williams- | |
| J. Cook, Jr., Newburyport, | No. 2. | town, | No. 8. |
| J. H. Loud, Plymouth, | No. 3. | W. Hilliard, Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| T. S. Mann, Wrentham, | No. 4. | G. Bliss, Jr., Springfield, | No. 10. |
| L. Shattuck, Concord, | No. 5. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| Otis Hayden, Brookfield, | No. 6. | W. Morse, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| H. G. Newcomb, Greenfield, | No. 7. | L. Hamilton, Taunton, | No. 13. |

5830.

Election Dec. 9, 5829. Installation Dec. 28, 5829.

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| Joseph Jenkins, G. Master. | Elijah Morse, D. G. M. |
| Abraham A. Dame, S. G. W. | William J. Whipple, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| Asa Eaton, C. G. S. | George G. Smith, Eliab W. Met- |
| John P. Bigelow, G. M. | calf, Thos. W. Phillips, H. M. |
| E. Haskell, D. Parker, G. D.'s | Willis, G. S.'s |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | H. H. Barton, L. Livermore, G. P.'s |
| | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Grand Chaplains.

James Sabine, Benjamin C. Cutler, Samuel Barrett, Charles Train,
Samuel Osgood, James Morse, Benjamin Willard, Benjamin Pat-
nam. Titus Strong, T. W. Eastman.

Committee of Finance.

Charles C. Nichols, George G. Smith, David Parker.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, David Parker, Elias Haskell, William Knapp, Chas.
Williams.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Joseph Eveleth, Boston, | No. 1. | | No. 8. |
| Ashael Huntington, Salem, | No. 2. | W. Hilliard, Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| Jacob H. Loud Plymouth, | No. 3. | L. Lyman, Northampton, | No. 10. |
| T. S. Mann, Wrentham, | No. 4. | S. Baker, Barnstable, | No. 11. |
| Lemuel Shattuck, Concord, | No. 5. | Wm. Morse, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| L. Child, Southbridge, | No. 6. | L. Hamilton, Taunton, | No. 13. |
| A. Phelps, Greenfield, | No. 7. | | |

June, 9, 5930, Grand Lodge authority given to build Masonic Temple.

Oct. 14, 5830, Corner Stone of Masonic Temple laid.

5831.

Election Dec. 8, 5830. Installation Dec. 27, 5830.

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| Joseph Jenkins, G. Master. | William Hilliard, D. G. M. |
| A. A. Dame, S. G. W. | William J. Whipple, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| Asa Eaton, C. G. S. | Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| John P. Bigelow, G. M. | G. G. Smith, E. W. Metcalf, T. W. |
| Elias Haskell, D. Parker, G. D.'s | Phillips, H. M. Willis, G. S.'s |
| H. H. Barton, I. Livermore, G. P.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Grand Chaplains.

Ezra Ripley, Samuel Barrett, Jona. Greenleaf, Charles Train, Samuel Osgood, James Morse, Benjamin Willard, Benjamin Putnam, Jona. Going, J. W. Eastman.

Committee of Finance.

Charles C. Nichols, George G. Smith, David Parker.

Committee on Charity.

B. B. Appleton, Elias Haskell, William Knapp, Charles Williams, Abel P. Baker.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| Harrison Gray, Boston, | No. 1. | E. F. Ensign, Sheffield, | No. 8. |
| E. Bradbury, Newburyport, | No. 2. | J. Russell, W. Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| R. Turner, Randolph, | No. 3. | Myron Lawrence, Belcher- | |
| J. J. Fiske, Wrentham, | No. 4. | town, | No. 10. |
| L. Shattuck, Concord, | No. 5. | | No. 11. |
| L. Child, Southbridge, | No. 6. | J. F. Chase, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| Ansel Phelps, Greenfield, | No. 7. | L. Hamilton, Taunton, | No. 13. |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 8, 5830.

Asa Eaton, Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Robert G. Shaw, John Abbot, John Soley.

June 8, 5831, Bequest of Isaiah Thomas of \$500, towards erection of Hall.

5832.

Election Dec. 14, 5831. Installation Dec. 27, 5831.

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| *Joseph Jenkins, G. Master. | David Wilder, D. G. M. |
| A. A. Dame, S. G. W. | William J. Whipple, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| Asa Eaton, C. G. S. | G. G. Smith, E. W. Metcalf, T. |
| John P. Bigelow, G. M. | W. Phillips, Horatio M. Wil- |
| Elias Haskell, D. Parker, G. D.'s | lis, G. S.'s |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | H. H. Barton, I. Livermore, G. P.'s |
| | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

*Born in Barre, Nov. 11, 5781—died in Boston, Oct. 11, 5851.

Grand Chaplains.

Ezra Ripley, Samuel Barrett, Jonathan Greenleaf, E. M. P. Wells,
John L. Blake, Samuel Osgood, James Morse, Benjamin Willard,
Benjamin Putnam, J. W. Eastman.

Committee of Finance.

Charles C. Nichols, George G. Smith, David Parker.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Elias Haskell, William Knapp, Charles Williams,
Abel P. Baker.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Harrison Gray, Boston, | No. 1. | E. F. Ensign, Sheffield, | No. 8. |
| | No. 2. | J. Russell, W. Cambridge, | No. 9. |
| R. Turner, Randolph, | No. 3. | Myron Lawrence, Belcher- | |
| J. J. Fiske, Wrentham, | No. 4. | town, | No. 10. |
| L. Shattuck, Concord, | No. 5. | | No. 11. |
| L. Child, Southbridge, | No. 6. | J. F. Chase, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| A. Phelps, Greenfield, | No. 7. | A. Hale, Bridgewater, | No. 13. |

April 30, 5832, Reports relating to building Masonic Temple.

May 30, 5832. Dedication of Masonic Temple.

5833.

Election Dec. 12, 5832. Installation Dec. 27, 5832.

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| *Elijah Crane, G. Master. | Abraham A. Dame, D. G. M. |
| William J. Whipple, S. G. W. | James A. Dickson, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Thomas Power, R. G. S. |
| Asa Eaton, C. G. S. | G. G. Smith, E. W. Metoulf, H. |
| E. Haskell, D. Parker, G. D.'s | M. Willis, H. H. Barton, G. S.'s |
| Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. | John Hews, C. W. Moore, G. P.'s |
| Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. | |

Grand Chaplains.

Ezra Ripley, Samuel Barrett, Samuel Osgood, James Morse, Benjamin
Willard, Benjamin Putnam, J. W. Eastman, E. M. P. Wells, John
L. Blake.

Committee of Finance.

Edward A. Raymond, Samuel Eveleth, John Hews.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Elias Haskell, William Knapp, Charles Williams,
Abel P. Baker.

*Died in Canton, Mass., March 21, 5834, aged 80 years.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Joshua B. Flint, Boston, | No. 1. | No. 8. |
| Benj. F. Brown, Salem, | No. 2. | No. 9. |
| | No. 3. Myron Lawrence, Belcher- | |
| E. Atherton, Stoughton, | No. 4. town, | No. 10. |
| | No. 5. | No. 11. |
| Gardner Ruggles, Barre, | No. 6. J. F. Chase, Nantucket, | No. 12. |
| | No. 7. J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, | No. 13. |

5834.

Election Dec 12, 5833. Installation Dec. 27, 5833.

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| John Abbot, G. Master. | Abraham A. Dame, D. G. M. |
| Elias Haskell, S. G. W. | Benjamin B. Appleton, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | John Hews, Simon W. Robinson, |
| Edward A. Raymond, G. M. | Gilbert Nurse, Winslow Lew- |
| David Parker, Eliab W. Metcalf, | is, Jr., G. S.'s |
| G. D.'s | Thomas J. Goodwin, G. S. B. |
| Paul Dean, Samuel Barrett, E. T. | John Flint, D. Harwood, G. P.'s |
| Taylor, G. C.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Edward A. Raymond, Samuel Eveleth, John Hews.

*Committee on Charity.*Benj. B. Appleton, Charles Williams, William Knapp, Samuel Mil-
lard, William Eaton.*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

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| Joshua B. Flint, Boston, | No. 1. | No. 8. |
| Isaac Cullyer, Marblehead, | No. 2. | No. 9. |
| A. Prescott, Randolph, | No. 3. | No. 10. |
| E. Atherton, Stoughton, | No. 4. | No. 11. |
| William Whiting, Concord, | No. 5. | No. 12. |
| | No. 6. Jona. Ames, West Bridge- | |
| | No. 7. water, | No. 13. |

*Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 12, 5833.*Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Robert G. Shaw, John Soley, Augus-
tus Peabody, Benjamin Russell.

5835.

*Election Dec. 10, 5834. Installation Feb. 11, 5835.

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| Joshua B. Flint, G. Master. | Paul Dean, D. G. M. |
| Elias Haskell, S. G. W. | Benjamin B. Appleton, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | John Hews, G. S. B. |
| Edward A. Raymond, G. M. | S. W. Robinson, Gilbert Nurse, |
| David Parker, Eliab W. Metcalf, | Winslow Lewis, Jr., John Flint, |
| G. D.'s | G. S.'s |
| Samuel Barrett, Edw. T. Taylor, | D. Harwood, John Saville, G. P.'s |
| E. M. P. Wells, G. C.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Edward A. Raymond, Samuel Eveleth, John Hews.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Charles Williams, Wm. Knapp, Samuel Millard,
Ruel Baker.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| | No. 1. | Gardner Ruggles, Barre, | No. 6. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, | No. 2. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, | No. 7. |
| Wm. Whiting, Concord, | No. 3. | | No. 8. |
| Aaron Prescott, Randolph, | No. 4. | | No. 9. |
| E. Atherton, Stoughton, | No. 5. | | |

*At the Annual Communication, Dec. 10, 5834, the Hon. Francis Baylies was elected Grand Master, but declined. The Grand Lodge was convened on the 3d Feb., 5835, when Dr. Joshua B. Flint was elected Grand Master.

5836.

Election Dec. 9, 5835. Installation Dec. 28, 5835.

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| Joshua B. Flint, G. Master. | Paul Dean, D. G. M. |
| Elias Haskell, S. G. W. | Benjamin B. Appleton, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | Samuel Barrett, Edward T. Taylor, |
| Samuel Eveleth, G. M. | E. M. P. Wells, G. C.'s |
| Gil. Nurse, Dan. Harwood, G. D.'s | Winslow Lewis, Jr., G. S. B. |
| John Flint, John Saville, Samuel S. A. Allen, C. G. Pickman, G. P.'s | |
| Jackson, John Angier, G. S.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Edward A. Raymond, Samuel Eveleth, John Hews.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Charles Williams, Ruel Baker, Samuel Millard,
William Eaton.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| S. W. Robinson, Boston, | No. 1. | Gardner Ruggles, Barre, | No. 6. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, | No. 2. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, | No. 7. |
| | No. 3. | | No. 8. |
| Aaron Prescott, Randolph, | No. 4. | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, | No. 9. |
| Elijah Atherton, Stoughton, | No. 5. | | |

5837.

Election Dec. 14, 5836. *Installation Jan. 16, 5837.

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| † Joshua B. Flint, G. Master. | Paul Dean, D. G. M. |
| Benjamin B. Appleton, S. G. W. | Simon W. Robinson, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | Samuel Barrett, E. M. P. Wells, |
| Samuel Eveleth, G. M. | Ed. T. Taylor, Alfred L. Baur, |
| Enoch Hobart, John Hews, G. D.'s | G. C.'s |
| Samuel Saville, Samuel Jackson, John Flint, G. S. B. | |
| Robert Keith, David Tilson, G. C. Gayton Pickman, Sam. Millard, | |
| S.'s | G. P.'s |

Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler.

Committee of Finance.

Edward A. Raymond, Samuel Eveleth, John Hews.

Committee on Charity.

**Benjamin B. Appleton, Charles Williams, Ruel Baker, Sam. Millard,
William Eaton.**

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Henry H. Barton, Boston, | No. 1. | G. Ruggles, Hardwick, | No. 6. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, | No. 2. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, | No. 7. |
| | No. 3. | | No. 8. |
| Aaron Prescott, Randolph, | No. 4. | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, | No. 9. |
| Elijah Atherton, Stoughton, | No. 5. | | |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 14, 5836.

**Francis J. Oliver, Robert G. Shaw, John Soley, Augustus Peabody,
Benjamin Russell, John Abbot.**

*Grand Lodge met Dec. 27, 1836, when the Grand Master announced his appointments, and arrangements were made for Installation on the 18th of January following.

†Sept., 1837, Grand Master gave notice, that he should remove from the Commonwealth before the next Communication, and took leave of the Grand Lodge. Born in Cohasset—graduated at Harvard College in 1820.

5838.

Election Dec. 13, 5837. Installation Dec. 27, 5837.

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| Paul Dean, G. Master. | George G. Smith, D. G. M. |
| Simon W. Robinson, S. G. W. | C. Gayton Pickman, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | Samuel Barrett, E. M. P. Wells, |
| Samuel Eveleth, G. M. | Daniel Austin, Thos. F. King, |
| Enoch Hobart, John Hews, G. D.'s | G. C.'s |
| John Saville, S. Jackson, Robert, John Flint, G. S. B. | |
| Keith, David Tillson, G. S.'s | Sam. Millard, Jacob Amee, G. P.'s |
| Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. | |

Committee of Finance.

Edward A. Raymond, John Hews, Samuel Eveleth.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Benj. D. Baldwin, Joseph Wheeler, Wm. Eaton,
F. R. Bigelow.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Henry H. Barton, Boston, No. 1. | G. Ruggles, Hardwick, No. 6. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, No. 2. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, No. 7. |
| | No. 3. No. 8. |
| Alfred L. Banry, Newton, No. 4. | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, No. 9. |
| Lemuel Gay, Stoughton, No. 5. | |

Sept. 12, 5838. Nomination of Enoch Hobart as Trustee of the Masonic Temple confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

5839.

Election Dec. 12, 5838. Installation Dec. 27, 5838.

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| Paul Dean, G. Master. | George G. Smith, D. G. M. |
| Simon W. Robinson, S. G. W. | C. Gayton Pickman, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | T. M. Harris, E. M. P. Wells, |
| Samuel Eveleth, G. M. | Daniel Austin, Thos. F. King, |
| Enoch Hobart, John Hews, G. D.'s | G. C.'s |
| John Saville, S. Jackson, Robert John Flint, G. S. B. | |
| Keith, Samuel Millard, G. S.'s | J. Amee, Cyrus Balkom, G. P.'s |
| Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. | |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Winslow Lewis, Jr.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Benj. D. Baldwin, Joseph Wheeler, Wm. Eaton,
Francis R. Bigelow.

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| Daniel Harwood, Boston, No. 1. | Lemuel Gay, Stoughton, No. 5. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, No. 2. | G. Ruggles, Hardwick, No. 6. |
| Benjamin Gleason, Cambridge, No. 3. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, No. 7. |
| Alfred L. Baury, Newton, No. 4. | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, No. 9. |

5840.

Election Dec. 11, 5839. Installation Dec. 27, 5839.

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| *Paul Dean, G. Master. | George G. Smith, D. G. M. |
| Simon W. Robinson, S. G. W. | C. Gayton Pickman, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Nahum Capen, C. G. S. | T. M. Harris, E. M. P. Wells, |
| Samuel Eveleth, G. M. | Samuel Barrett, Ed. T. Taylor, |
| John Saville, S. Jackson, Robert | Lyman Maynard, G. C.'s |
| Keith, Samuel Millard, G. S.'s | J. Ames, Cyrus Balkom, G. P.'s |
| John Flint, G. S. B. | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Daniel Harwood.

Committee on Charity.

Benj. B. Appleton, Wm. Eaton, Hugh H. Tuttle, Francis R. Bigelow,
Benjamin D. Baldwin, Joseph Wheeler.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Thomas Tolman, Boston, No. 1. | G. Ruggles, Hardwick, No. 6. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, No. 2. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, No. 7. |
| Benj. Gleason, Cambridge, No. 3. | No. 8. |
| Alfred L. Baury, Newton, No. 4. | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, No. 9. |
| Lemuel Gay, Stoughton, No. 5. | |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 11, 5839.

Benjamin Russell, John Abbot, John Soley, Augustus Peabody, Robert
G. Shaw, Thaddeus M. Harris.

*Born in Barnard, Vt., March 28, 5783.

5841.

Election Dec. 9, 5840. Installation Dec. 28, 5840.

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| Caleb Butler, G. Master. | Simon W. Robinson, D. G. M. |
| Thomas Tolman, S. G. W. | Winslow Lewis, Sen., J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Winslow Lewis, Jr., C. G. S. | Samuel Barrett, E. M. P. Wells, |
| John R. Bradford, G. M. | Sebastian Streeter, Wm. Barry, |
| Robert Keith, John Saville, G. D.'s | G. C.'s |
| Wm. Eaton, Ruel Baker, Francis | Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. |
| L. Raymond, C. Balkom, G. S.'s | W. Palfrey, L. S. Bancroft, G. P.'s |
| | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hamnatt, John R. Bradford, Daniel Harwood.

Committee on Charity.

John B. Hammatt, Osgood Eaton, Robert Keith, Hugh H. Tuttle,
Samuel Wales.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Samuel Eveleth, Boston, No. 1. | G. Ruggles, Hardwick, No. 6. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, No. 2. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, No. 7. |
| Jeremiah Kilburn, Groton, No. 3. | R. F. Parker, Nantucket, No. 8. |
| Alfred L. Baur, Newton, No. 4. | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, No. 9. |
| Benjamin Huntton, Canton, No. 5. | |

5842.

Election Dec. 8, 5841. Installation Dec. 27, 5841.

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| *Caleb Butler, G. Master. | Simon W. Robinson, D. G. M. |
| Thomas Tolman, S. G. W. | Winslow Lewis, Sen., J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Winslow Lewis, Jr., C. G. S. | Samuel Barrett, E. M. P. Wells, |
| John R. Bradford, G. M. | Sebastian Streeter, Wm. Barry, |
| Robert Keith, John Saville, G. D.'s | G. C.'s |
| Wm. Eaton, Ruel Baker, Francis | Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. |
| L. Raymond, Cyrus Balkoom, Wm. Palfrey, Luther S. Bancroft, | |
| G. S.'s | G. P.'s |

Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler.

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

John B. Hammatt, Hugh H. Tuttle, Osgood Eaton, Samuel Wales,
Robert Keith.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Samuel Eveleth, Boston, No. 1. | Benj. Huntton, Canton, No. 5. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, No. 2. | G. Ruggles, Hardwick, No. 6. |
| Jeremiah Kilburn, Groton, No. 3. | J. Ames, W. Bridgewater, No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- ham, No. 4. | Robt. F. Parker, Nantucket, No. 8. |
| | G. Ruggles, Special Agent, No. 9. |

*Died in Groton, Oct. 17, 5854, aged 78 years.

March 9, 5842, Charles W. Moore appointed Delegate to National Masonic Convention.

May 4, 5842, Special Meeting of Grand Lodge in relation to the deaths of T. M. Harris, D. D., and of Samuel Thaxter, M. D.

June 8, 5842, Br. Moore Delegate to the Nat. Masonic Convention reported.

5843.

Election Dec. 14, 5842. Installation Dec. 27, 5842.

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| Augustus Peabody, G. Master. | Simon W. Robinson, D. G. M. |
| Thomas Tolman, S. G. W. | *Winslow Lewis, Senior, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Winslow Lewis, Jr., C. G. S. | Samuel Barrett, E. M. P. Wells, |
| John R. Bradford, G. M. | S. Streeter, Wm. Barry, G. C.'s |
| Robt. Keith, John Saville, G. D.'s | Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. |
| Wm. Eaton, Ruel Baker, Francis D. Tenney, L. S. Bancroft, G. P.'s | |
| L. Raymond, W. Palfrey, G. S.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

John B. Hammatt, Hugh H. Tuttle, Osgood Eaton, Samuel Wales, Robert Keith.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Gilbert Nurse, Boston, No. 1. | Benj. Huntoon, Canton, No. 5. |
| Isaac Collyer, Marblehead, No. 2. | No. 6. |
| Jeremiah Kilburn, Groton, No. 3. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framingham, No. 4. | Robt. F. Parker, Nantucket, No. 8. |
| | No. 9. |

Trustees Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 14, 5843.

Benjamin Russell, John Abbot, Robert G. Shaw, John Soley, James A. Dickson, Elias Haskell.

Dec. 27, 5842 Instruction in Work and Lectures at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., "agreeably to previous resolution"—John R. Bradford, S. G. Lecturer and Gilbert Nurse, J. G. Lecturer.

Sept. 13, 5843. Report of Committee on Proceedings of National Masonic Convention.

Oct. 11, 5843. Code of By-Laws adopted.

*Winslow Lewis, Senior, died May 20, 5850, aged 80 years.

5844.

Election Dec. 13, 5843. Installation Dec. 27, 5843.

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| Augustus Peabody, G. Master. | *John B. Hammatt, D. G. M. |
| Robert Lash, S. G. W. | Thomas Power, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Winslow Lewis, Jr., C. G. S. | A. Searle, J. O. Skinner, G. C.'s |
| John R. Bradford, G. M. | William Eaton, Ruel Baker, F. L. |
| Robert Keith, John Hews, G. D.'s | Raymond, Wm. Palfrey, G. S.'s |
| Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. | J. R. Bradford, G. Nurse, G. L.'s |
| D. Tenney, C. R. Train, G. P.'s | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

*Born in Boston June 12, 5778. Initiated in Columbian Lodge Aug. 7, 5800. Resided in Alexandria from 5815 to 5830.

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

John Hews, Hugh H. Tuttle, Osgood Eaton, William Palfrey, Martin Wilder.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| E. M. P. Wells, Boston, | No. 1. | S. Chandler, Stoughton, | No. 5. |
| Sam. Bowden, Marblehead, | No. 2. | Pliny Slocomb, | No. 6. |
| | No. 3. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, | No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- ham, | No. 4. | | |

March 13, 5844, Winslow Lewis, Jr., having been elected S. W. of St. John's Lodge, resigned the office of C. G. S. Benjamin Huntoon succeeded as C. G. S. The Grand Master authorized to appoint Chorister and Organist.

June 13, 5844. Nomination of Ruel Baker, as Trustee of the Masonic Temple, confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

5845.

Election Dec. 11, 5844. Installation Dec. 27, 5844.

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| *Augustus Peabody, G. Master. | E. M. P. Wells, D. G. M. |
| Robert Keith, S. G. W. | John Hews, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Benjamin Huntoon, C. G. S. | Addison Searle, Joseph O. Skinner, |
| Winslow Lewis, Jr., G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Edward A. Raymond, Joel Talbot, | Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | Asa Woodbury, Gilbert Nurse, G. |
| William Eaton, Ruel Baker, F. L. | P.'s |
| Raymond, Wm. Palfrey, G. S.'s | Horace G. Barrows, C. B. Rogers, |
| F. L. Raymond, G. Organist. | G. L.'s |
| | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

S. W. Robinson, John Hews, Hugh H. Tuttle, Edward Stearns, William Eaton.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| | No. 1. | S. Chandler, Stoughton, | No. 5. |
| Sam. Bowden, Marblehead, | No. 2. | | No. 6. |
| Nathan Ordway, Fitchburg, | No. 3. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, | No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- ham, | No. 4. | | |

*Died in Roxbury, Oct. 2, 5850, aged 71 years.

June 11, 5845, nomination of William Eaton, as Trustee of Masonic Temple, in place of Jacob Amee, deceased, confirmed by Grand Lodge.

5846.

Election Dec. 10, 5845. Installation Dec. 27, 5845.

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| Simon W. Robinson, G. Master. | Winslow Lewis, Jr., D. G. M. |
| Edward A. Raymond, S. G. W. | John R. Bradford, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Benjamin Huntoon, C. G. S. | J. O. Skinner, George M. Randall, |
| Gilbert Nurse, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Joel Talbot, Wm. Eaton, G. D.'s | Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. |
| Ruel Baker, F. L. Raymond, Wm. | Asa Woodbury, John Jarvis, G. P.'s |
| Palfrey, G. Washington Warren, | Charles B. Rogers, Daniel Balch, |
| G. S.'s | G. L.'s |
| F. L. Raymond, G. Organist. | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

H. H. Tuttle, John Hews, Wm. Eaton, Edward Stearns, Ruel Baker.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Addison Searle, Boston, No. 1. | Samuel Chandler, Canton, No. 5. |
| Samuel Boden, Marblehead, No. 2. | Pliny Slocumb, Sutton, No. 6. |
| Nathan Ordway, Fitchburg, No. 3. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | Sam. H. Jenks, Nantucket, No. 8. |
| ham, No. 4. | |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 10, 5843.

John Soley, John Abbot, Robert G. Shaw, Augustus Peabody, James A. Dickson, Elias Haskell.

Dec. 27, 5845, elected George Oliver, D. D., of Scopwick, Lincolnshire, Eng., an honorary member with the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master, and Robert Thomas Crucifix, M. D., of London, Eng., as honorary member, with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.

Nov. 11, 5846, Dedicated new apartments in Masonic Temple.

5847.

Election Dec. 9, 5846. Installation Dec. 28, 5846.

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| Simon W. Robinson, G. Master. | Winslow Lewis, Jr., D. G. M. |
| Edward A. Raymond, S. G. W. | John R. Bradford, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Benjamin Huntoon C. G. S. | Jos. O. Skinner, George M. Ran- |
| John Flint, G. M. | dall, G. C.'s |
| Joel Talbot, Wm. Eaton, G. D.'s | A. Woodbury, John Jarvis, G. P.'s |
| R. Baker, F. L. Raymond, W. Pal- | C. B. Rogers, Danl. Balch, G. L.'s |
| frey, G. W. Warren, G. S.'s | F. L. Raymond, G. Organist. |
| Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

Ferdinand E. White, Smith W. Nichols, Enoch Hobart, George M. Thacher, Edward Bell.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Addison Searle, Chelsea, | No. 1. | S. Chandler, Canton, | No. 5. |
| S. Bowden, Marblehead, | No. 2. | H. Chenery, Worcester, | No. 6. |
| Nathan Ordway, Fitchburg, | No. 3. | L. B. Keith, N. Bedford, | No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | | | No. 8. |
| ham, | No. 4. | Addison Ware, | No. 9. |

5848.

Election Dec. 8, 5847. Installation Dec. 27, 5847.

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| *Simon W. Robinson, G. Master. | Ferdinand E. White, D. G. M. |
| Edward A. Raymond, S. G. W. | John R. Bradford, J. G. W. |
| John J. Loring, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Benjamin Huntoon, C. G. S. | J. O. Skinner, A. Searle, G. C.'s |
| John Flint, G. M. | Asa Woodbury, John Jarvis, G. P.'s |
| Joel Talbot, Wm. Eaton, G. D.'s | Charles B. Rogers, Jonas A. Mar- |
| R. Baker, F. L. Raymond, Wm. | shall, G. L.'s |
| Palirey, G. W. Warren, G. S.'s | Henry G. Clark, G. Organist. |
| Hugh H. Tuttle, G. S. B. | Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

John B. Hammatt, John R. Bradford, Hugh H. Tuttle.

Committee on Charity.

Enoch Hobart, Augustus Peabody, James A. Dickson, Thomas Tolman, Robert Keith.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| G. M. Randall, Boston, | No. 1. | Samuel Chandler, Canton, | No. 5. |
| A. T. Newhall, Lynnfield, | No. 2. | H. Chenery, Worcester, | No. 6. |
| N. Ordway, Fitchburg, | No. 3. | L. B. Keith, N. Bedford, | No. 7. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | | W. Crocker, Provincetown, | No. 8. |
| ham, | No. 4. | A. Ware, Springfield, | No. 9. |

*Born in New Hampton, N. H., Feb. 19, 5792.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Stephen Lovell, Boston, | No. 1. | Horace Chenery, Worcester, | No. 6. |
| Wm. Ferson, Gloucester, | No. 2. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, | No. 7. |
| Prentice Cushing, Lowell, | No. 3. | Jere. Stone, Provincetown, | No. 8. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | | Franklin Weston, Dalton, | No. 9. |
| ham, | No. 4. | Benj. Brown, Special Deputy for | |
| Paul Dean, Easton, | No. 5. | Nantucket. | |

5852.

Election Dec. 10, 5851. Installation Dec. 30, 5851.

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| George M. Randall, G. Master. | Lucius R. Paige, D. G. M. |
| William Ferson, S. G. W. | John Flint, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Jonas A. Marshall, C. G. S. | T. R. Lambert, Stephen Lovell, |
| John T. Heard, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| James W. Crooks, Chas. Robbins, | George M. Thacher, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | Chas. H. White, B. Franklin Baker, |
| Benj. Stevens, Wm. D. Coolidge, | G. P.'s |
| John P. Ober, Chas. R. Train, | Wm. C. Martin, *Charles Bates, |
| G. S.'s | G. L.'s |
| Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. | Spencer Nolan, G. Organist. |
| †Josiah Baldwin, G. Tyler. | |

Committee of Finance.

George G. Smith, Robert Keith, James A. Dickson.

Committee on Charity.

Edward A. Raymond, Thomas M. Vinson, William Eaton.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Jerome V. C. Smith, Boston, | No. 1. | H. Chenery, Worcester, | No. 6. |
| J. S. Johnson, Gloucester, | No. 2. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, | No. 7. |
| Prentice Cushing, Lowell, | No. 3. | | No. 8. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | | Franklin Weston, Dalton, | No. 9. |
| ham, | No. 4. | Benjamin Brown, S. Deputy for | |
| Albert Case, Hingham, | No. 5. | Nantucket. | |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 10, 5851, to fill vacancies.

Edward A. Raymond, John J. Loring.

*Died in office—Charles B. Rogers succeeded him.

†March 10, 5852, Josiah Baldwin resigned and Levi Bates appointed G. Tyler.

May 10, 5852, Special Communication—Louis Kosenh present.

5853.

Election Dec. 3, 5852. Installation Dec. 27, 5852.

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| George M. Randall, G. Master. | Lucius R. Paige, D. G. M. |
| Daniel Harwood, S. G. W. | Benjamin Huntton, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| Jonas A. Marshall, C. G. S. | T. R. Lambert, Stephen Lovell, |
| George M. Thacher, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| James W. Crooks, Chas. Robbins, | Hamilton Willis, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | Ebenezer W. Tolman, B. Franklin |
| Benj. Stevens, Wm. D. Coolidge, | Baker, G. P.'s |
| John P. Ober, Chas. R. Train, | Wm. C. Martin, Isaac P. Seavey, |
| G. S.'s | G. L.'s |
| Spencer Nolen, G. Organist. | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. |
| | Levi Bates, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

George G. Smith, Robert Keith, James A. Dickson.

Committee on Library.

Lucius R. Paige, C. Gayton Pickman, Winslow Lewis.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Jerome V. C. Smith, Boston, No. 1. | H. Chenery, Worcester, No. 6. |
| J. S. Johnson, Gloucester, No. 2. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, No. 7. |
| Prentice Cushing, Lowell, No. 3. | Sylvester Baxter, Hyannis, No. 8. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | Franklin Weston, Dalton, No. 9. |
| ham, No. 4. | Benjamin Brown, S. D. for Nan- |
| Albert Case, Hingham, No. 5. | tucket. |

5854.

Election Dec. 14, 5853. Installation Dec. 27, 5853.

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| *George M. Randall, G. Master. | Lucius R. Paige, D. G. M. |
| Richard S. Spofford, S. G. W. | Jonas A. Marshall, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| John H. Sheppard, C. G. S. | T. R. Lambert, Stephen Lovell, |
| George M. Thacher, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| James W. Crooks, Chas. Robbins, | Hamilton Willis, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | Ebenezer W. Tolman, B. Franklin |
| Benj. Stevens, Wm. D. Coolidge, | Baker, G. P.'s |
| John P. Ober, Geo. W. Warren, | Wm. C. Martin, Isaac P. Seavey, |
| G. S.'s | G. L.'s |
| Spencer Nolen, G. Organist. | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. |
| | Levi Bates, G. Tyler. |

*Born in Warren, R. I., Nov. 23, 5810.

Committee of Finance.

George G. Smith, Robert Keith, William Eaton.

Committee on Library.

Lucius R. Paige, C. Gayton Pickman, Winslow Lewis.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Jerome V. C. Smith, Boston, No. 1. | L. B. Keith, New Bedford, No. 7. |
| J. S. Johnson, Gloucester, No. 2. | Sylvester Baxter, Hyannis, No. 8. |
| Peter Lawson, Lowell, No. 3. | Franklin Weston, Dalton, No. 9. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- ham, No. 4. | J. A. Gamber, Greenfield, No. 10. |
| Albert Case, Hingham, No. 5. | Benjamin Brown, S. D. for Nan- tucket. |
| H. Chenery, Worcester, No. 6. | |

5855.

Election Dec. 13, 5854. Installation Dec. 27, 5854.

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| Winslow Lewis, G. Master. | Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M. |
| William Plunkett, S. G. W. | Samuel K. Hutchinson, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| John H. Sheppard, C. G. S. | Joseph H. Clinch, Wm. R. Alger, |
| Charles R. Train, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Charles Robbins, Levi Rawson, | William D. Coolidge, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | A. S. Beaman, Thomas Restieaux, |
| Benj. Stevens, John P. Ober, John | G. P.'s |
| McClellan, Marshall Lincoln, | Wm. C. Martin, Israel F. Crafts, |
| G. S.'s | G. L.'s |
| Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist. | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. |
| | Jacob Phelps, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Daniel Harwood, William Parkman, Samuel P. Oliver.

Committee on Charity.

E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

Committee on Library.

Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Charles W. Moore.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Henry G. Clark, Boston, No. 1. | Lucien B. Keith, N. Bridge- water, No. 7. |
| Isaac P. Seavey, Newbury- port, No. 2. | Sylvester Baxter, Hyannis, No. 8. |
| Peter Lawson, Lowell, No. 3. | Franklin Weston, Dalton, No. 9. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- ham, No. 4. | Chas Mattoon, Greenfield, No. 10. |
| Albert Case, Hingham, No. 5. | Benjamin Brown, S. D. for Nau- tucket. |
| H. Chenery, Worcester, No. 6. | |
| | J. P. Johnson, S. D. for Provincetown. |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 13, 5854.

Simon W. Robinson, Edward A. Raymond, John J. Loring, Winslow
Lewis, George M. Randall, John B. Hammatt.

5856.

Election Dec. 12, 5855. Installation Dec. 27, 5855.

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| *Winslow Lewis, G. Master. | Abraham T. Lowe, D. G. M. |
| John T. Heard, S. G. W. | Charles R. Train, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| John H. Sheppard, C. G. S. | Joseph H. Clinch, Win. R. Alger, |
| William D. Coolidge, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Charles Robbins, Levi Rawson, | John McClellan, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | A. S. Beaman, Thomas Restieaux, |
| Benjamin Stevens, John P. Ober, | G. P.'s |
| G. Washington Warren, Mar- | William C. Martin, B. F. Nourse, |
| shall Lincoln, G. S.'s | G. L.'s |
| Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist. | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. |
| | Eben F. Gay, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Daniel Harwood, William Parkman, Samuel P. Oliver.

Committee on Charity.

E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

Committee on Library.

Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Charles W. Moore.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Henry G. Clark, Boston, | No. 1. | John Edson, Bridgewater, | No. 7. |
| Isaac P. Seavey, Newbury- | | S. Baxter, Hyannis, | No. 8. |
| port, | No. 2. | Franklin Weston, Dalton, | No. 9. |
| Peter Lawson, Lowell, | No. 3. | Chas. Mattoon, Greenfield, | No. 10. |
| Jona. Greenwood, Framing- | | Benjamin Brown, S. D. for Nan- | |
| ham, | No. 4. | tucket. | |
| Albert Case, Hingham, | No. 5. | J. P. Johnson, S. D. for Province- | |
| H. Chenery, Worcester, | No. 6. | town. | |

Charles T. Ward, Jr., S. D. for Valparaiso, S. A.

July 4, 5856. Deposited corner-stone of State Hospital of the Insane, at Northampton, Mass.

Sept. 17, 5856. Inauguration of Statue of Franklin, in Boston.

*Born in Boston, July 8, 5799.

5857.

Election Dec. 10, 5856. Installation Dec. 30, 5856.

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| John T. Heard, G. Master. | William Flint, D. G. M. |
| Bradford L. Wales, S. G. W. | John H. Sheppard, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| G. Washington Warren, C. G. S. | Samuel Osgood, Noah M. Gaylord, |
| William S. Gardner, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Etoch Hobart, E. D. Brigham, G. | Peter C. Jones, G. S. B. |
| D.'s | John Alden, J. P. Pattee, G. P.'s |
| Peter Wainwright, John Low, Ezra | Wm. C. Martin, Benj. F. Nourse, |
| Ripley, William W. Wheildon, | G. L.'s |
| G. S.'s | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister, |
| Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist, | Eben F. Gay, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

William Parkman, Samuel P. Oliver, William H. I. Smith.

Committee on Charity.

E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

Committee on Library.

Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Charles W. Moore.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Wm. D. Coolidge, Boston, No. 1. | Daniel Reynolds, Spring- | |
| Isaac P. Seavey, Newbury- | field, | No. 9. |
| port, | No. 2. | W. B. C. Pearsons, Holyoke, No. 10. |
| William North, Lowell, | No. 3. | Chas. B. Rogers, Charles- |
| L. Rawson, Farnumsville, No. 4. | town, | No. 11. |
| Lucien B. Keith, N. Bridge- | Benjamin Brown, S. D. for Nan- | |
| water, | No. 5. | tucket. |
| Henry Earl, Worcester, | No. 6. | J. P. Johnson, S. D. for Province- |
| Geo. H. Taber, Fairhaven, No. 7. | town. | |
| S. Baxter, Hyannis, | No. 8. | |

Charles T. Ward, Jr., S. D. for Chili, S. A.

June 17, 5857. Inauguration of Statue of Joseph Warren, on Bunker Hill.

5858.

Election Dec. 9, 5857. Installation Dec. 28, 5857.

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| John T. Heard, G. Master. | William Flint, D. G. M. |
| Henry Goddard, S. G. W. | Isaac Hull Wright, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| G. Washington Warren, C. G. S. | Samuel Osgood, Thos. R. Lambert, |
| William S. Gardner, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Enoch Hobart, Wm. W. Baker, | Peter C. Jones, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | John Alden, J. P. Patee, G. P.'s |
| Peter Wainwright, John Low, W. | Wm. C. Martin, Benj. F. Nourse, |
| W. Wheildon, S. M. Hunt, G. | G. L.'s |
| S.'s | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. |
| Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist. | Eben F. Gay, G. Tyler. |

Committee of Finance.

Samuel P. Oliver, W. H. L. Smith, Solon Thornton.

Committee on Charity.

E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

Committee on Library.

Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Charles W. Moore.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Wm. D. Coolidge, Boston, No. 1. | Geo. H. Taber, Fairhaven, No. 7. |
| Isaac P. Seavey, Newbury- | S. Baxter, Hyannis, No. 8. |
| port, No. 2. | Daniel Reynolds, Spring- |
| William North, Lowell, No. 3. | field, No. 9. |
| L. Rawson, Farnumsville, No. 4. | W. B. C. Pearsons, Holyoke, No. 10. |
| Lucien B. Keith, N. Bridge- | Chas. B. Rogers, Charles- |
| water, No. 5. | town, No. 11. |
| *Henry Earl, Worcester, No. 6. | C. A. Walker, Boston, No. 12. |
| Charles T. Ward, Jr., S. D. for Chili, S. A. | |

Trustees of Charity Fund, chosen Dec. 9, 5857.

Daniel Harwood, Thomas Restieaux, John McClellan, William Parkman, Wendell T. Davis, John Flint.

Oct. 2, 5858. Laid corner-stone of Minot's Ledge Light House.

*Died Oct. 12, 5858—John A. Dana appointed in his place.

5859.

Election Dec. 8, 5858. Installation Dec. 27, 5858.

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| *John T. Heard, G. Master. | William Flint, D. G. M. |
| Lorenzo H. Gamwell, S. G. W. | Charles Robbins, J. G. W. |
| Thomas Tolman, G. T. | Charles W. Moore, R. G. S. |
| G. Washington, Warren, C. G. S. | Samuel Osgood, E. M. P. Wells, |
| William S. Gardner, G. M. | G. C.'s |
| Enoch Hobart, Wm. W. Baker, | Peter C. Jones, G. S. B. |
| G. D.'s | John Alden, J. P. Pattee, G. P.'s |
| Peter Wainwright, John Low, W. | Wm. C. Martin, Benj. F. Nourse, |
| W. Wheildon, S. M. Hunt, G. | G. L.'s |
| S.'s | Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister. |
| Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist. | Eben F. Gay, G. Tyler. |

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Committee on Charity.

E. M. P. Wells, Robert Keith, Peter Wainwright.

Committee on Library.

Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall, Charles W. Moore.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

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| Wm. D. Coolidge, Newton, No. 1. | S. Baxter, Hyannis, | No. 8. |
| Isaac P. Seavey, Newbury- | Daniel Reynolds, Spring- | |
| port, | field, | No. 9. |
| William North, Lowell, | No. 3. | W. B. C. Pearsons, Hulyoke, No. 10. |
| L. Rawson, Farnumville, No. 4. | Chas. B. Rogers, Charles- | |
| B. L. Wales, Randolph, | No. 5. | town, |
| | | No. 11. |
| John A. Dana, Worcester, No. 6. | John H. Sheppard, Boston, | No. 12. |
| Geo. H. Taber, Fairhaven, No. 7. | | |

Charles T. Ward, Jr., S. D. for Chili, S. A.

*Born in Boston, May 4, 5809.

BOSTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE suggestion of the Grand Master in his annual address to the Grand Lodge [see page 43] in favor of the establishment of lodges of instruction, by districts, throughout this jurisdiction, may render interesting and useful some account of the Boston Lodge of Instruction, —the only body of the kind in Massachusetts.

This institution was formed in 1848, under the regulations to be found in Article VIII., Part Third, of the Constitutions, adopted in 1843, which were as follows, namely,

"*Sec. 1.* A Lodge of Instruction may be holden in any town or city in the Commonwealth, where there is more than one Lodge located : Provided the sanction of either of said Lodges, or the permission of the Grand Master, in writing, be obtained. The Lodge giving its sanction, and the Brethren to whom such permission is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working therein adopted, has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

"*Sec. 2.* Notice of the times and places of meeting of such Lodges of Instruction, shall be given to the Brethren in the vicinity, who shall be at liberty to join the same, subject to such rules, regulations and assessments, as may be agreed upon.

"*Sec. 3.* Each Lodge of Instruction shall keep a minute of all Brethren present at each meeting, and of Brethren appointed to hold office ; and such minutes shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, or the Lodge granting its sanction.

"*Sec. 4.* The Grand Master shall have power to suspend or dissolve any Lodge of Instruction, when, in his opinion, there shall be sufficient cause therefor."

A preliminary meeting of the petitioners to the several Masonic Lodges within the city of Boston for leave to form a Lodge of Instruction, was held at the Masonic Temple on Friday evening, March 24th, 1848. The Brethren who were present were Daniel Harwood, Master of St. John's Lodge ; Peter C. Jones, Master of Columbian Lodge ; Charles Bates, Master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge ; B. F. Baker, Senior

Warden of Massachusetts Lodge; George Leighton, Senior Warden of Mt. Lebanon Lodge; Lewis Rice, Junior Warden of St. John's Lodge, and A. K. P. Cooper, Junior Warden of Mt. Lebanon Lodge. Charles Bates was chosen Chairman and A. K. P. Cooper, Secretary. A committee, composed of Bros. Bates, Baker and Cooper, were appointed to draw up a code of By-Laws, and report at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 31st of the same month.

The meeting was held according to adjournment, but a majority of the petitioners not being present, it was adjourned to the 7th of April.

At the meeting of the 7th of April, the following By-Laws were adopted:

P R E A M B L E.

The undersigned being desirous of improving themselves in Masonry, and having petitioned the several Lodges within the city of Boston, for leave to hold a Lodge of Instruction agreeably to the Constitutions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, and having obtained the sanction of three of said Lodges, viz.:—St. John's, Massachusetts and Mount Lebanon, hereby agree to form themselves into a Lodge of Instruction, and to be governed by the following rules and regulations:—

Art. 1. The name or title of this Lodge shall be 'THE BOSTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.'

Art. 2. This Lodge shall hold its meetings for lectures or work, in the Masonic Temple, every Friday evening, at such hour as may be agreed upon from time to time.

Art. 3. All the members of this Lodge shall be Master Masons, and also members of some Lodge within the city of Boston.

Art. 4. Any Brother who shall be proposed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, may be admitted a member upon receiving a unanimous vote of the members present, paying the sum of one dollar and signing the By-Laws.

Art. 5. There shall be chosen annually on the last Friday in the month of March, a permanent Master, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices one year and until others are chosen in their places. The duties of the above officers shall be as follows, viz.:—

The permanent Master shall preside over the Lodge while performing the secular business of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall take care of all the funds belonging to the Lodge and pay them out by order of the permanent Master and the consent of the Brethren. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Lodge, collect all money due the same and pay it into the hands of the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall also at each meeting of the Lodge, read the record of the last meeting.

Art. 6. The officers of this Lodge shall be chosen on the first Friday of each month, and shall hold the office to which they are

chosen one month, excepting the permanent officers as provided for in Article 5.

Art. 7. No Brother shall be eligible to the same office twice, if there is any other Brother present who is willing to accept the same.

Art. 8. After the secular business of the Lodge has been performed, the Lodge shall be opened in due form by the proper officers and proceed to lecture or work in Ancient Craft Masonry.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of every member of this Lodge to attend punctually all meetings of the Lodge and to observe strict decorum while there; and no subject irrelevant to Masonry shall be introduced while the Lodge is in session.

Art. 10. The quarterages of each member shall be twentyfive cents, which shall be paid promptly at the end of every quarter.

Art. 11. The Lodge may adjourn its meetings during the months of June, July and August, provided a majority of the members present shall vote in favor of such adjournment.

Art. 12. No alteration or amendment shall be made to these By-Laws, unless it has been proposed, in writing, at a meeting of the Lodge previous to the one at which it is to be acted upon, nor then, unless it shall receive a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Amendment adopted January 5, 1849.

Art. 3. Amended by adding to it "or vicinity."

Amendment adopted September 28, 1849.

Art. 6. Amended to read "The officers of this Lodge shall be chosen on the first Friday evening of each month, and shall hold the office to which they are chosen one month or until others are chosen in their places; excepting the W. Master, who shall hold said office for the term of *three months*, and also excepting the permanent officers as provided in Art. 5.

Amendment adopted January 24, 1851.

Art. 3. By striking out the words "and also members of some Lodge within the city of Boston or vicinity."

At a meeting held March 28, 1851, a committee, consisting of Brs. William C. Martin, F. McDonald and S. P. Oliver reported the following By-Laws, which were adopted:—

P R E A M B L E.

The undersigned being desirous of improving themselves in Freemasonry, and having petitioned and obtained the sanction of St. John's, Massachusetts and Mount Lebanon Lodges, hereby agree to form a Lodge of Instruction, in conformity with the Constitutions of the M. Worshipful Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth:—

Article 1. The title of this Association shall be the "BOSTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION."

Article 2. The meetings of this Lodge shall be held every Friday

evening; omitting the Summer months, also reserving the power to suspend one or more meetings whenever necessity shall require it.

Article 3. All meetings shall be held at the Masonic Temple, at such hour as shall be decided by a vote of the Lodge.

Article 4. Any Master Mason requesting to become a member of the Lodge, must be proposed and stand proposed during the term of one week; and all the members present shall be considered a Committee to investigate the Masonic standing of said applicant; and if balloted for, and unanimously admitted, he shall sign the By-Laws and pay to the Secretary one dollar, (\$1 00) for the use of the Lodge—all of which shall entitle said applicant to membership.

Article 5. This Lodge shall elect a Master on the first Friday evening in March, September and December. All subordinate officers, Treasurer and Secretary excepted, shall be elected on the first Friday evening of each working month. All said officers shall hold their respective offices during the various terms for which they have been elected severally, or until others shall have been elected to supply their places.

Article 6. There shall be chosen annually on the first Friday evening in March, a Treasurer and Secretary, each to hold their respective offices for the term of one year, or until others shall have been elected to supply their places.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary and pay the same to the order of the Worshipful Master and consent of the Lodge.

The Secretary shall keep a fair and faithful record of the proceedings of the Lodge, proper to be recorded; receive all moneys due the same, and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

Article 7. The secular business of the Lodge shall be transacted after the work has been exemplified. All established usages and customs of Freemasonry appertaining to a Lodge of Master Masons, together with the prerogatives of the Chair, shall be observed and regarded by the members of the Lodge.

Article 8. Assessments may be laid on the members whenever the same shall be necessary to defray the current expenses thereof.

Article 9. Any member who shall not visit this Lodge for the term of one year, or shall neglect to pay the amount assessed, may be discharged by a vote of the Lodge.

Article 10. Any proposed alterations or amendments to the foregoing Bye-Laws, shall be made in writing and read in open Lodge, at the meeting next preceding that at which the Lodge shall act upon the same.

Article 11. A majority of votes shall decide all questions. No candidate for membership shall be admitted a member unless the ballot is unanimous in his favor.

Amendments adopted October 31, 1856.

Article 4. Any Master Mason in regular standing who is a member of a Lodge held by authority from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

may become a member of Boston Lodge of Instruction by being proposed at a regular meeting, receiving a unanimous ballot, signing the By-Laws, and paying one dollar (\$1.00) for the use of the Lodge,—and be entitled to all its privileges.

Articles 5 and 6. The Lodge shall elect a Master, Secretary and Treasurer at their first meeting in December annually, to serve in their respective offices one year. All other officers shall be elected once in in three months, viz., in March, September and December, on the first Friday evening of each of said months.

On the 25th of March, 1859, three hundred and seventyone Brethren had signed the By-Laws as members. The proceedings of the Lodge are neatly recorded, and all its transactions appear to have been in conformity to its regulations and the rules which should govern a well regulated Masonic body.

GRAND FEAST,

CELEBRATED ON ST. JOHN'S DAY, DEC. 27, 1858.

In accordance with a suggestion of the present Grand Master, an effort was made on the 27th December, to revive in Boston, the festival of St. John the Evangelist, an anniversary which was formerly and with great regularity celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity. Instructions were accordingly given to the Grand Stewards to make the necessary arrangements for the occasion. Under their direction, tables were laid in the upper room of Nassau Hall, with covers for one hundred guests, for whom an ample and elegant supper was provided by the great caterer of the present day. The business of the day had been gone through with, as provided in the Constitutions; the Brethren had witnessed the usual exemplification of the work by the Grand Lecturers; the usual collation for the non-resident members had been provided and partaken of; and the installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge, in ample form, had completed the strictly Masonic exercises of the day. When the meeting of the Grand Lodge closed, the Brethren present, nearly to the full number provided for, repaired to the banquet-hall. The Grand Master took his seat at the head of the tables in the East; the Senior Grand Warden in the West, and the Junior Grand Warden in the South—and the feast went on. The Brethren, after the labors of the day, found their appetites, and their appetites found, in the refreshments provided, all that reasonable men and Masons could ask. At the invitation of the Grand Master, and after asking a blessing by the Rev. Bro. HENRY A. MILES, D. D., the feast was partaken of to the entire satisfaction of the company present. The Grand Master then dismissed the servants from the hall, and opened in due form, with such ceremonies as properly pertain thereto, a "Table Lodge," in the work of which he was assisted by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Grand Master [on taking the Chair delivered the following address :—

Brethren :—It affords me great pleasure to welcome this large company on this interesting occasion—the revival within this jurisdiction of the ancient Masonic “Grand Feast.” This festival may be ranked with those happy inventions designed to bring men together in agreeable intercourse for the praiseworthy purposes of cultivating the social virtues and establishing pleasant personal and fraternal relations. For generations, as it annually returned, it was greeted with joy, and celebrated with enthusiasm. The day of its occurrence was the great holiday in the calendar of Freemasonry, when the good Mason abandoned his cares and labors and sought to cheer himself by conviviality and recreation. It will be appropriate at this time to notice some of the regulations for the government of the Feast and the manner in which it was conducted. I do not purpose, however, to take you back to the antediluvian period, nor to that of King Solomon, for this information. There can be no doubt that the Brethren of those times duly observed Masonic festivals in a way most satisfactory to themselves and productive of much good to the Order. I will limit my inquiries to the festal customs of our Brethren in England for a century or two past, and then notice those of our *father-brethren* here in Massachusetts.

The great antiquity of the Grand Feast in England may be inferred from the fact that the old “*Poem on the Constitutions of Masonry*,” written about the year 1350, cites a regulation which may be rendered thus : “The Stewards of the hall shall serve the Brethren at their feasts in moderation and with Brotherly courtesy.”

It is recorded of the period of 1434, that “The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed *Free Masons* of anntient standing and gude reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings dyverse times, and as a loving brotherhood used to do, did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of Henry VI., in the 12th of his reign A. D. 1434.”

In consequence of persecutions to which Masons were subjected in the 16th century, the “Yearly Assemblies,” as well as the private meetings of the Craft, were often interrupted.

From the terms of an edict issued about the year 1680, it would seem that the feasts of that time were defrayed by subscription : “Yee shall truly pay for your meat or drinke wheresoever yee go,” &c.

The general regulations, compiled in 1720, contain numerous provisions for the government of the Feast. The Brethren of all the

Lodges in and about London and Westminster were required to meet annually in some convenient place or public hall, either on St. John Evangelist's day or St. John Baptist's day, as the Grand Lodge should determine by a new regulation, though the custom for some years previously had been to hold the Feast on St. John Baptist's day. The day of the festival was to be determined by the Grand Lodge three months before its occurrence, and, also, whether or not it should be generally celebrated by the Brethren. In the case that a general celebration was not ordered, the Grand Lodge met on St. John's day to choose the Grand Master, Deputy and Wardens; and should that day happen on Sunday, then the election took place on Monday. The Grand Wardens had the care of preparing tickets for the feast, sealed with the Grand Master's seal of office, of disposing of them, of providing for the tables, of selecting a proper place to feast in, and of every other thing appertaining to the entertainment. That the work might not be too burdensome to the Wardens and that all matters might be expeditiously and safely managed, the Grand Master, or his Deputy, had power to appoint such a number of Stewards as his Worship might think fit, to act in concert with the Wardens; and all things relating to the feast were decided by a majority of the votes of the Wardens and Stewards. It was required of the Grand Wardens and Stewards to wait upon the Grand Master or Deputy for instructions relating to the feast, but if both their Worships were sick or absent, they might assemble the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to receive their advice and orders; or else they might take the whole affair upon themselves and do the best they could. It was their duty to account for all the money they received or expended, after dinner, to the Grand Lodge, or when that body should think fit to audit their accounts. A committee consisting of one experienced and discreet Brother from each Lodge was appointed by the Master, who, having met in a convenient apartment, received every person that brought a ticket, and had power to discourse with him, and to admit him or not as they should see cause. They could not, however, refuse admission to any person until they had acquainted the Brethren within doors with the reasons for his rejection; that so no true Brother should be excluded, nor unworthy Brother or mere pretender admitted. This committee met very early on St. John's day at the place where the feast was provided, before persons should come who had tickets. The Grand Master appointed two or more true and trusty Brothers to be porters or door-keepers, whose attendance was also to be early, and who were at the command of the committee. The Grand Wardens or the Stewards

appointed such a number of Brethren as they saw fit, to serve at table, might advise with the officers of Lodges about the suitability of persons for this service, and might act according to recommendations thus obtained. None could serve but Free and Accepted Masons, that the communication might be free and harmonious. All the members of the Grand Lodge assembled long before dinner-hour, with the Grand Master or his Deputy at their head, who retired and organized for the transaction of business. The Grand Lodge, or General Assembly, thus formed received appeals, that the appellant and respondent might both be heard and the case amicably decided before dinner, if possible; if the affair did not admit of decision at that time, its further consideration was postponed until after the new Grand Master had taken the Chair, which performance occurred after the dinner was finished, when the Grand Lodge resumed business. If an unfinished case of appeal was a part of the business and it could not then be decided, the Grand Master referred it to a special committee that would quickly adjust it and make report to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, so that brotherly love might be preserved.

Previous to the dinner, the Grand Lodge took measures to prevent any difference or disquiet which might mar the pleasures and festivities of the day, and to secure the decency, decorum and good manners of all present, as the assembly was promiscuous, embracing all sorts of Freemasons.

The time having arrived for the choice of Grand Master, that officer, his Deputy, the Grand Wardens, the Stewards, the Treasurer, Secretary and clerks, and every other person, withdrew and left the Masters and Wardens of particular Lodges alone, that they might amicably consult together about the election of a Grand Master, if they had not previously done so. If the majority were for the continuance in office of the then present Grand Master, his Worship was called in; and after thanks, was humbly requested to do the Fraternity the honor of ruling them another year. Whether or not he accepted, the re-election was not made known until the dinner was over. These proceedings concluded, the Brethren conversed together freely until the dinner came in, when they took their seats at the table.

After dinner, the Grand Lodge was formed again, in presence of all Brethren who might be present, and either the Grand Master of the previous year, or a new one nominated by him, was installed. The other officers were then appointed, and also installed. This commingling of business and festivity continued throughout the entire day, and contributed greatly to the prosperity, pleasure and strength of the Order.

On the 25th of November, 1723, it was ordained that one of the Quarterly Communications should be held on St. John Evangelist's Day, and another on St. John Baptist's Day. The Feast had been held previously on both the St. Johns' days.

On the 28th of April, 1724, the Grand Lodge ordained, that at the Feast the Stewards should open no wine till dinner should be laid on the tables; that the members of each Lodge should sit together as much as possible; that after eight o'clock at night, the Stewards should not be obliged to furnish any wine or other liquors; and that either the money or tickets should be returned to the Stewards.

On the 26th November, 1728, the office of Stewards, that had been disused at three preceding Feasts, was revived by the Grand Lodge, and it was ordered, that their number should be always twelve; who, with the Grand Wardens, should prepare the Feast.

On the 29th of January, 1731, it was ordered, that no particular Lodge should have a separate Feast on the day of the General Feast.

On the 2d of March, 1732, the Grand Lodge allowed each of the acting Stewards at the Feast, the privilege of naming his successor for the ensuing year.

At about this time the Stewards appointed the attendants at table.

By a regulation of the 25th November, 1723, no petitions or appeals were received on the day of the General Assembly and Feast. And some changes were made as to the time of choosing the Grand Master; it having been found inconvenient to do so on the day of the Feast. The election therefore occurred before the Feast, but the inauguration of the Grand Master took place as before, but with increased display.

Both before and after dinner the Grand Master might say grace himself, or employ some Brother who was a clergyman, or else the Secretary. The whole assembly were seated at dinner in the form of a Grand Lodge, the members of that body mixing, however, with the other Brethren present. No balloting nor controversy was allowed on Feast day. Two processions were made round the tables, one conducted by the retiring Grand Master, the other by the new Grand Master after his installation. An oration, toasts, songs, and probably speeches, marked the occasion.

Having thus presented to you the regulations which appertained to our ancient festival in England, I will read from the record to show what were the ceremonies of installation of grand officers at that time, as they constituted a part of the festal arrangements:—

“Assembly and Feast at Merchant-Taylors' Hall, on 24th June, 1724.

"Dalkeith, Grand Master, with his deputy and Wardens, waited on Brother Richmond in the morning at Whitehall, who, with many Brothers duly clothed, proceeded in coaches from the West to the East, and were handsomely received at the Hall by a vast assembly. The Grand Lodge met, and having confirmed their choice of Brother Richmond, adjourned to dinner. After dinner, Grand Master Dalkeith made the first procession round the tables, viz :

Brother Clinch to clear the way.

The Stewards, two and two abreast, with white rods.

Secretary Cowper with the bag, and on his left the Master of a Lodge with one Great Light.

Two other Great Lights born by two Masters of Lodges.

Former Grand Wardens, proceeding one by one, according to juniority.

Former Grand Masters, proceeding according to juniority.

Sorell and Senex, the two Grand Wardens.

Desaguliers, D. G. Master alone.

On the left hand,
Sword, carried by the Master of
the Lodge to which the Sword
belonged.

On the right hand,
The Book of Constitutions on a
cushion, carried by the Master
of the Senior Lodge.

Richmond, Grand Master elect.

Dalkeith, Grand Master.

"During the procession three times round the tables, the brethren stood up and faced about with the regular salutations; and when returned, Brother Dalkeith stood up, and bowing to the Assembly, thanked 'em for the honour he had of being their Grand Master, and then proclaimed aloud the most noble Prince and our Brother—

"Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond and Lennox, Grand Master of Masons.

"The Duke having bowed to the Assembly, Brother Dalkeith invested him with the proper ensigns and badges of his office and authority, installed him in Solomon's chair, and wishing him all prosperity, sat down on his right hand. Upon which the Assembly joined in due homage, affectionate congratulations and other signs of joy.

"Richmond, Grand Master, standing up, called forth (as it were by accident) and appointed Martin Folke, Esq., his Deputy Grand Master, invested and installed by the last Deputy in the chair of Hiram Abiff. George Payne, Esq., formerly Grand Master, and Francis Sorell, late Grand Warden, Grand Wardens.

"William Cowper, Esq., was continued Secretary, by the Grand Master returning him the books, and all of 'em were formally congratulated by the Assembly.

"Richmond, Grand Master, made the second procession round the tables like the first, except that Brother Dalkeith walked first, as the youngest late Grand Master, close after the former Grand Wardens; and Richmond walked alone last of all, with his Deputy immediately before him, and his two Grand Wardens before the Deputy, and before them the Sword and Constitutions.

"When returned, the Grand Master began to toast the regular healths, and due respects to our noble Brothers present and absent, particularly to our last good Grand Master Dalkeith. After which the usual expressions of joy, love and friendship went round; and the Assembly was most agreeably entertained with orations, musick and Mason songs, till the Grand Master ordered his Warden Payne to close the Lodge in good time. Now Masonry was illustrious at home and abroad, and Lodges multiplied."

Let us now observe the present regulations of England on this subject. The time for the feast is there no longer Saint John's day, but has been changed near to that of the patron saint of England—St. George's, which occurs on the 23d of April. The Constitutions provide that,

"There shall be a Masonic festival on the Wednesday next following St. George's Day, which shall be dedicated to brotherly love and refreshment, and to which all regular Masons may have access, on providing themselves with tickets from the Grand Stewards of the year. No private Lodge within the London district shall have a Masonic feast on the day of the grand festival."

"The Grand Stewards shall so regulate the grand festival as that no expense fall on the Grand Lodge, and are strictly enjoined not to introduce or permit any refreshment to be introduced into the hall after the Grand Master or other presiding officer shall have departed."

The English Masonic periodicals afford abundant evidence that festivity is not confined to the grand body, but is an element that frequently enters into the assemblies of its subordinates; rendering them in this particular quite the opposite of the more sedate meetings of most of our own Lodges.

The Feast in this country was established by the authority given in the charter of deputation granted by the Grand Master of England to Henry Price, Esq., our first Provincial Grand Master, in these words: "And lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England, do Annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and Dine together on that Day or (in case any Accident should happen to prevent their Dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as he shall judge most fit, as is done here."

This requirement appears to have been pretty faithfully complied with, though the dinner did not always occur on the day specified in the Charter, nor "on any other near that time." If our Brethren omitted to observe St. John the Evangelist's day, they amply supplied the omission by often keeping that of Saint John the Baptist.

Upon the receipt of the commission appointing R. W. Henry Price Provincial Grand Master of New England, the Brethren assembled in

Boston on the 80th of July, 1733, when they formed a Grand Lodge under the title and designation of "Saint John's Grand Lodge," and on the same day it was duly organized by the election and installation of officers.

The following extracts from the records of the Lodge, kindly presented to me by Brø. Charles W. Moore, show conclusively that for many years after its foundation, the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by Masons :—

"Dec., 1733. Nothing further remarkable happened this year, only the celebration of the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, after the manner of Masons."

Bro. Moore says that the records contain similar entries for the years 1734, '35, '36, '38 and '39.

1750. "N. B. The several intervening Festivals of St. John the Evangelist, and also those of St. John the Baptist, not before mentioned, have been all celebrated in G. Lodge, in due manner and form, tho' not proper records kept thereof."

1774. "Being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the same was celebrated at the house of Joseph Ingersoll, the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston. Twentythree present, including the G. Master (Rowe,) and his Wardens and Treasurer." James Otis, Esq., was one of the company.

We derive further information in relation to this subject, from the "History of Freemasonry in New England," written by our late Brother, Rev. Thaddens M. Harris, D. D., and published with the Constitutions, in 1798. This work is but a mere outline of history, and conveys but a very imperfect knowledge of the Lodge proceedings; and in regard to the festivals, it evidently mentions only those conspicuous for unusual display, or for the eminence of the individuals who honored them with their presence. Dr. Harris was then a young man, and a young Mason, which may account for his omission to relate important transactions of the Craft, which no one more than himself knew how to appreciate in the later years of his long and exemplary life.

"At the celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, 1750, the Brethren attended divine service at Christ's Church, Boston; where a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by the R. W. and Rev. Bro. Brockwell. Afterwards they returned to the hall, and concluded the ceremonies of the day in Grand Lodge, at an elegant dinner, with the utmost decency and decorum, after the manner of Masons."

On the occasion of the installation of Hon. Jeremy Gridley as Grand Master, Oct. 1, 1755, a grand feast was prepared. "The officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, those of the three Lodges in Boston, the

Master and Wardens of Portsmouth Lodge, with a large number of the Fraternity, repaired in proper order and habiliments, to Trinity Church, where Rev. Mr. Hooper read prayers and Rev. Bro. Arthur Brown, of Portsmouth, preached an excellent sermon on the occasion, to a polite and numerous audience. After divine service the Brotherhood returned to Concert Hall and celebrated the day in harmony and joy."

The 27th of December, 1757, was commemorated at Graton's tavern in Roxbury, by direction of the Grand Master. There were present on the occasion "the Right Honorable and Most Worshipful John, Earl of London, late Grand Master of Masons in England; his Excellency Charles Lawrence, Governor of Halifax; the officers and members of the three Lodges in Boston; and an unusual concourse of respectable Brethren."

"The feast of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27, 1761, was celebrated at the British Coffee House, in King street, by the Grand Lodge, in ample form."

The festival, January 24, 1768, was celebrated at the Grey Hound tavern, in Roxbury, by the Grand Lodge. The time for the election of officers appears to have been changed at about this period from December to January.

The last choice of officers before the revolutionary war, was made on the 27th January, 1775, and the Grand Lodge did not afterwards meet until 27th February, 1787. From that date until the Union of the "St. John's Grand Lodge" and "Massachusetts Grand Lodge," on the 5th of March, 1792, very little evidence has been found to show to what extent the feast was celebrated by the former.

We will continue to make use of the history of Bro. Harris, to ascertain what observance of "the feast" was practised by the "Massachusetts Grand Lodge," instituted in 1769.

On the 27th of December, 1769, it was duly observed, and the day was also distinguished by the installation of its illustrious Grand Master, General Joseph Warren. His first commission was for Boston, New England, and was dated May 30, 1769.

An assembly and feast was held Dec. 27, 1771, when the Grand Officers were installed and congratulated. An elegant dinner was provided, and the afternoon was devoted to Masonic festivity.

An assembly and feast was held Dec. 28, 1772.

A communication was held Dec. 27, 1773, at which was read a commission from the Right Honorable and Most Worshipful Patrick, Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, bearing date the third of March, 1772, appointing the R. W. Joseph Warren, Esq.,

Grand Master of Masons for the continent of America. An elegant dinner was provided. The company was very numerous, among whom were Hon. Bro. William Brattle and Rev. Dr. Samuel Mather.

The feast was celebrated in due form Dec. 27, 1774.

On the breaking out of the revolution, Boston became a garrison and the regular meetings were suspended. On the 17th June, 1775, the Grand Master, Warren, was slain in the battle of Bunker Hill.

"On the festival of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27, 1776, several of the dispersed Brethren having returned, they assembled and celebrated the day with decent economy and temperate joy."

"At the festival, Dec. 27, 1777, the Grand Lodge, with a large and respectable number of Brethren, walked in procession to the Chapel, where an elegant oration was delivered by Bro. Perez Morton. The afternoon was spent in Masonic festivity."

On the anniversary, Dec. 27, 1778, "a very large procession was formed, and walked, with a band of music, to the Old Brick Meeting House, where an excellent and persuasive sermon, on brotherly-love and charity, was preached by the Rev. Simeon Howard, D. D." After the delivery of the discourse a contribution was made for the poor of the town, with particular reference to those who were reduced to necessity by the unhappy consequences of the war. The collection amounted to £270. The afternoon was spent in a manner becoming the festivity of the day.

At the festival of Dec. 27, 1779, an elegant dinner was provided, and the celebration was conducted with dignity and harmony.

Dec. 27, 1780, a procession was formed in Masonic order, and proceeded to the Trinity Church, where a well adapted charge was delivered by Brother Isaac Keith. After which a handsome collection was made for the poor; and the Brethren returned to the hall and partook of an elegant dinner prepared in honor of the day.

The choice of Grand Officers which should have occurred in Dec., 1781, was postponed in consequence of the absence of the Grand Master, (Col. Joseph Webb,) he being in the service of the United States. The election and installation took place March 1, 1782. The 24th of June following was celebrated by a discourse at Chapel Church, and by a feast.

Grand Master Webb, by request, continued to serve until June 24, 1783, when he installed M. W. John Warren, Grand Master. Church services, a procession and a dinner were characteristics of the celebration of the day.

Election of Grand Officers to fill vacancies on the 4th Dec., 1784.

Officers chosen and appointed and installed, June 3, 1785. The fes-

tival of the 24th was privately celebrated. The choice of officers was thenceforward made in the month of June, and St John the Baptist's day was distinguished as one of festivity, as that of the Evangelist had been ; as the following extract in relation to June 24, 1790, from the record, will serve to show :—

“The feast was celebrated according to ancient custom. A large and respectable company attended ; and Brother Josiah Bartlett delivered an address suitable to the occasion, and replete with Masonic information, at the request of the Grand Lodge.”

The election occurred on the third day of the month. The celebration in June, 1791, was conducted in like manner.

Though Dr. Harris traces events down to June, 1798, I shall no longer follow him as my guide, but for such further information as belongs to my subject shall resort to our records. They may not contain notices of all the celebrations by the Grand Lodge, though it is probable that they do, especially of all those that were attended by the ceremonies and display of a general feast.

The articles of Union solemnized and consummated March 5th, 1892, contained the following provisions :—

“The Grand Stewards shall attend in preparing the feast on a regular summons for that purpose ; and they shall always see that the tables are regularly and masonically spread.

“The Grand Marshal shall attend the grand feast, and assist the Grand Master in the order and arrangement of the day.

“The Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary shall make all necessary preparations for every grand feast ; and they shall be assisted by the Grand Stewards, or some general undertaker.

“Every Brother present at a grand feast, shall be controlled by the Grand Master in every thing that pertains to the decency and decorum of his conduct.”

The first celebration recorded, after the Union, was that of St. John the Baptist. At the communication of June 11, 1792, the Grand Lodge passed the following votes :—

“Voted, That this Lodge do celebrate the Festival of St. John, in due Form, on the 23th inst., at Concert Hall, and that there be a Masonic Procession to and from Trinity Church.”

“Voted, That R. W. Brothers Dunn, Scollay and Little, be a Committee to wait on the Revd. Doct. Parker and Wardens for the use of Trinity Church on said Day of Celebration, and also solicit him to perform prayers suitable to the occasion ; likewise to wait on the Revd. Doct. Walker, for a sermon, or an address, to be by him delivered.”

“Voted, That Worshipfuls S. Bradford, T. Dennie and Shaw be a committee to assist the Grand Wardens in the order of the Feast.”

Celebration of June 25, 1792. "The Feast of St. John celebrated at Concert Hall, in Boston, June 25, 5792.

A procession, in Ample Form, to and from Trinity Church, where prayers were performed by Rev. Dr. Parker, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Brother Walker.

[Here follow the names of Officers and Brethren present, 107 in all.]

After several well adapted Toasts were drank, a committee were raised consisting of R. W. Brothers Barrett, Bartlett, and Dexter, to wait on the M. W. Gd. Master (being confined by sickness,) to inform him that the Grand Lodge will affectionately drink his better health, precisely at 5 o'clock, which was performed by the committee."

[A vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Parker and Rev. Dr. Walker were passed, and the order of procession is given in full.]

June 8, 5795. "On motion, *Voted*, That this Lodge do celebrate the Feast of St. John, in due form, the 24th inst., at Concert Hall, and that there be a Masonic Procession to and from the Chapel Church; and the M. W. Gd. Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brothers Russell, Little, Brazier, Laughton and Donnison, be a committee to arrange the business of that day."

Celebration of June 24, 5795. "A Procession, in Ample Form, to and from the Chapel Church, Boston, was formed and proceeded in, &c. An elegant Address was given by the R. W. T. M. Harris, and Prayer made by the Rev. John Murray."

[Here follow twenty names, officers of Grand Lodge, distinguished clergy, &c., present,]

"Together with a very numerous and respectable number of Brethren, clergy, citizens, &c. &c."

Dec. 11, 5797. "The Grand Lodge then closed in due form to assemble at this place [Concert Hall,] on the 27th inst., to install the the Grand Officers elect for the year ensuing."

Dec. 27, 5797. After installation, address of Grand Master, &c., the record says, "The Grand Lodge then partook of a collation provided for the occasion, and a number of public toasts were given."

Dec. 17, 5799. "The Grand Lodge, with Past Gd. Officers, Visitors, Proxies, &c., &c., then partook of a plenteous Collation provided for the occasion, and several Masonic and convivial toasts were drank."

Dec. 13, 5802. "Feast ordered and committee appointed to decide in what manner to celebrate on the 27th."

Dec. 27, 5802, Concert Hall. "A meeting of Grand Lodge was held by adjournment, at Concert Hall, for Installation of Officers, and other purposes—Festival, &c. December 27, -5802: Present,

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| M. W. Samuel Dunn, | Gd. Master. |
| R. W. Joseph Laughton, | Dy. Gd. Master. |
| R. W. John Boyle, | S. G. W. |
| R. W. Isaac Hurd, | J. G. W. |
| R. W. Allen Crooker, | G. Treasurer. |
| W. John Proctor, | G. Secretary. |

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| W. Amos Lincoln, | G. S. D. |
| W. Paul Revere, Jun., | G. J. D. |
| R. W. Benja. Russell, | G. Marshal. |
| R. W. Edward Goodwin, | G. S. B. |
| W. John Resborough, } | G. Stewards. |
| W. John Edmunds, } | |
| Brother John Green, | G. Tyler. |

Also present—R. W. Paul Revere, Esq., P. G. M.

R. W. Josiah Bartlett, P. G. M.

R. W. John D. Dunbar, D. D. G. M. 7th District.

A number of the Reverend Clergy, and about two hundred members of Lodges in Boston and its Vicinity.

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to wait on the Grand Master Elect, and introduce him into the Grand Lodge. The following R. W. Brethren were chosen, viz: M. W. Josiah Bartlett, R. W. John D. Dunbar, R. W. Joseph Laughton, R. W. Allen Crocker, and R. W. Henry Fowle. M. W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., being accordingly introduced, was duly Installed by the M. W. Samuel Dunn, P. G. M., and seated in the Chair of SOLOMON.

The Most Wl. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the following Grand Officers, agreeably to the powers invested in him by the Constitution, viz:—

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| R. W. Simon Elliot, | Deputy G. Master. |
| R. W. Thads. M. Harris, | C. Gd. S'y. |
| Shubael Bell, | S. G. D. |
| Henry Fowle, | J. G. D. |
| Ezra Ripley, | Gd. Chaplain. |
| Benja. Russell, | Gd. Marshal. |
| Francis J. Oliver, | S. Gd. Steward. |
| John W. Gurley, | J. G. Steward. |
| Edward Goodwin, | Gd. Sd. Bearer. |
| Joseph W. Revere, | 1st Gd. Pursuivant. |
| Jno. May, Jun., | 2d Gd. Pursuivant. |
| John Greene, | Gd. Tyler. |

The M. W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, was pleased to call the attention of the Gd. Lodge to an Address on the principles and duties of the Craft, which was delivered by him, and received with approbation and applause.

A Procession was then formed, and being Masonically arranged by the R. W. Brother Marshal, proceeded to the Stone Chapel. Brother Jno. W. Gurley, who had been invited to this honorable service, delivered an Oration before a very crowded auditory, who repeatedly evidenced by their expressions of applause, pleasure, satisfaction and delight at his uncommon display of Eloquence, Talents and Wit. Lessons and Collects were read by the Reverend Mr. Freeman, and prayers were offered to the Supreme and Divine Architect, by Rev. Brother Jno. Murray and Mr. Kirkland. Solemn music was repeatedly and seasonably introduced, during the performances.

On motion, *Voted*, That five hundred copies of the M. W. Gd.

Master's inaugural Address, Bro. J. W. Gurley's Oration, with the Lessons and Collects by Mr. Freeman, &c., &c., be printed at the Expense of the Grand Lodge; and that five of them be distributed by the Gd. Treasurer to each Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

On motion, *Voted*, That R. W. Brothers S. Bell, F. J. Oliver, and Edmund Bowman, be a Committee to carry the foregoing Vote into effect.

A Committee of seven Brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge, who had also assembled to celebrate this Anniversary at their Hall, Green Dragon, were introduced and informed the Most W. Grand Master that St. Andrew's Lodge would do themselves the Honor of drinking his health and that of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge with the honors of Masonry, at 7 o'clock this evening, precisely, at which hour the Testimonials of Brotherly Love were reciprocated by the Grand Lodge.

All the new elected and appointed Grand Officers were present together with a large number of Past Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, with the Masters and Wardens and Proxies of many neighboring Lodges. The procession was lengthy and respectable; the Church was crowded; and the assemblage of Ladies and Gentlemen spectators, was brilliant.

The services at the Church being ended, the procession again formed and returned to Concert Hall, where an elegant Feast was prepared by the Committee for that purpose. After Dinner a number of Masonic and other appropriate Toasts were drank, accompanied with excellent songs, and well adapted Music from a Band which attended through the several ceremonies of the Day.

The greatest order was preserved, and harmony and brotherly affection crowned the Festival.

At an early hour, the Most W. Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge, who had retired to an adjacent room, and the Brethren all retired to their respective homes.'

Dec. 9, 1805. "On motion, *Voted*, That the 27th of the present month, being the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, be appointed for the Installation of the newly elected officers of the Grand Lodge, and that a Committee be appointed to engage Concert Hall for the celebration of the Day, and to make such arrangements as shall do honor to the G. Lodge and the Fraternity. Also, further voted, that the ceremonies be confined within the Hall, and commence at 10 o'clock, A. M."

1805. "At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the 27th day of Decr., appointed specially for the purpose of the Celebration of St. John the Evangelist and Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge elected for the year 5806, and those appointed also, convened at Concert Hall, Boston.

[Here are given the names of the Officers present. There were present many other Officers and Members in Boston and its vicinity.]

After the Grand Lodge was opened, the Senior Gd. Chaplain made the introductory prayer.

Notice being given to the Most W. Grand Master by the Grand Marshal, that the Grand Master Elect, and the Grand Wardens Elect were arrived at the outer Temple, and waited the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Committee was appointed to wait on and introduce the Grand Officers Elect into the Grand Lodge. The Committee attended by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Deacons and the Grand Stewards, and accompanied by a Band of Music, performed this service, and arriving in procession with the Grand Officers Elect, at the East of the Grand Lodge, introduced them to the M. W. Gd. Master, who received them in ample Form, and congratulated them and the Lodge on their election. He then proceeded to obligate, invest and install the Grand Master Elect. The solemnities being performed, and the ancient ceremonies ended, was announced by a flourish of music. The Grand Marshal then, by direction of the Grand Master, proclaimed

The Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the year of light 5806.

The Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, Esq., being placed in the Chair of Solomon, proceeded to obligate, invest and install the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and to reinvest, &c., the Grand Treasurer and Gd. Secretary. The ceremonies on this occasion being ended, was announced by a flourish of Music, and they were by the Grand Marshal proclaimed 'Rt. Worshipful Grand Wardens, and Grand Treasurer and Secretary for A. L. 5806.'

[Here are the names of the appointed officers.]

The R. W. Deputy Gd. Master was then reinvested, &c., by the M. W. Gd. Master; after which he also invested, &c., the other Gd. Officers of his appointment. A third Flourish of Music announced the ceremonies concluded, and these officers were duly proclaimed by Grand Marshal. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then addressed the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge in a manner highly interesting and well adapted to the occasion.

Music from the Band, and an Ode followed.

The R. W. Brother Henry Maurice Lisle, Esq., having been previously applied to, delivered an Oration, which was received, as it indeed deserved, great applause.

A committee of three were chosen to wait on our R. W. Brother Lisle, and thank him for his elegant and spirited Oration, and request a copy for the press. The Committee performed that service and reported Bro. Lisle's acquiescence.

Music from the Band, with another Ode, and the Benediction from the Junior Gd. Chaplain, closed the solemnities, &c., for the Day, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample Form.

The Past and present Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, with a number of visiting Brethren, dined together, and spent the remainder of the Day, in a manner suitable to the joyous occasion and honorable to the Fraternity.

At the setting Sun they retired."

The officers elected on the 12th Dec., 1808, were installed on the 27th Dec., the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. R. W. Isaiah Thomas was elected G. M. After the Installation the Grand Lodge and visitors "repaired to the New Exchange Coffee House, where an elegant entertainment was provided, and where the Festival of St. John was celebrated in a manner highly honorable to the Fraternity."

In the evening, at 7 o'clock, the Grand Master and his officers assembled at the hall of King Solomon's Lodge, in Charlestown, for the purpose of installing the officers of that Lodge. After the ceremonies had been concluded, "an agreeable repast" was served.

At the annual meeting held on the 11th Dec., 1809, the choice of officers was not effected, and the Grand Lodge adjourned to the following day when they were elected. R. W. Josiah Bartlett was chosen Grand Master. It was voted to celebrate the Festival of St. John on the 27th Decr.

The Festival was observed in the usual manner. After the installation, the Grand Lodge was "formed into a procession, and retiring into a room appointed for the purpose, partook of a plenteous refreshment, with toasts, sentiments, and songs, adapted to the occasion."

1810. Election. Timothy Bigelow, G. M. Installation Dec. 17, 1810, "a liberal refreshment" was supplied in an adjoining room by the Grand Stewards.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held Dec. 9, 1811, a Committee were appointed to present the officers elect "agreeably to the new Constitutions, on St. John's Day evening, the 27th inst., at Mason's Hall." It does not appear that a feast was served on this occasion.

From 1810 to 1841, the feast under the auspices of the Grand Lodge appears to have fallen into desuetude; at least, during that period, the records contain no account of the observance of it on either of the Saints John Days. I have not had the leisure or opportunity to examine the newspapers of the time to ascertain whether they afford any accounts of celebrations not recorded; but it is extremely doubtful whether, if I had done so, they would have supplied the information.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day in 1841, 1843 and 1844, in the evening, after the ceremonies of installation, refreshments were provided in a room adjacent to the hall, of which the Grand Lodge and guests partook. A procession was formed and marched from one apartment to the other.

From 1844 to this time, the festival of the 27th of December has been signalized by the installation of officers in the evening, and since Dec. 14, 1842, by the exemplification of the work and lectures in the day time. During the intermission between the forenoon and afternoon hours devoted to the labors of exemplification, the Brethren

have been refreshed with a collation provided at the expense of the Grand Lodge, which, if it has not been a satisfactory substitute for the ancient feast, has in some degree compensated for its non-observance.

But if the Grand Lodge has so often and so long neglected to provide for occasional general feasting, its officers and members have frequently been the welcome guests at the banquets of subordinate Lodges. Excepting during the inhospitable period of antimasonry, scarcely has St. John the Baptist's Day come round that some one or more of them has not becomingly celebrated it, and on these occasions the Masonic mother has been always gracefully and cordially invited.

From this sketch of the history of the "grand feast," it is evident that our predecessors in both countries, did not view Freemasonry as a stiff, cold, ascetic alma-giving-society, or a sedate moral reform association. They infused into it largely the social element, and fostered it by timely festivity. They were not, however, neglectful of the wants of a poor Brother, nor did they overlook the importance of sound morality and a religious life; and in their judgment the joyful gatherings at their festivals were not incompatible with the exercise of the most noble virtues.

May we not profit by imitating their urbane and cheerful assemblies, and copying the courtesies and amenities of their mutual intercourse? By increasing sociability among our members, shall we not strengthen the fraternal bond which we so much value? But we should remember that these things cannot be realized, unless those we receive as Brothers possess congenial minds and have those companionable qualities which render society agreeable.

The Grand Master then offered the following ancient toast, which was received with much enthusiasm :—

"The Fraternity wheresoever dispersed around the globe."

The following toast was then announced by the toast-master :—

The Deputy Grand Master—A remarkable *Flint*, for he elicits sparks from every thing he touches, as well from the Steward's staff as the Tyler's sword: when he seeks a *loaf*, may no one presume to offer him a *stone*.

R. W. Rev. Brother Flint responded to this toast in some suitable remarks, gently gliding from the gay to the grave, from wit to sentiment.

The next sentiment announced was as follows :—

The Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—After faithful service in office, they are promoted to the honorable eminence of permanent membership in Grand Lodge—may they ever be re-

spected as the worthy and well-tried pillars of the Institution which has honored them and will continue to look to them as the shining lights of the East.

Brother Winslow Lewis, M. D., Past Grand Master, responded to this sentiment in his usual felicitous manner, acknowledging his obligations to the fraternity and his respect and veneration for the Institution, with which he had been so long and intimately associated, and by which he had been highly honored. He spoke also of the occasion and its purpose, and commended the desire and the effort to promote the social character of the Craft.

The next toast was as follows :—

District Deputy Grand Masters :—An indomitable phalanx of Masonic Brethren—watchmen upon the outer walls of the temple: If there be any apprehension of danger, or want of a speech, we may always look to District No. 1, for the warning voice or the hopeful word.

R. W. Bro. Wm. D. Coolidge, Deputy for District No. 1, responded very happily to this toast. He commended the occasion and the purpose—the broadening of the Masonic heart and the expansion of brotherly love—and gave a sentiment, in the words of St. John :—

“My dear children love one another”—the parting words of admonition addressed to the members of the fraternity by the Grand Master, St. John the Evangelist—may they be inscribed in letters of light upon the heart of every true Mason.

The next toast was—

The Holy Saints John—The eminent pillars of historical Masonry—their light shines through ages of time as the beacon star of the fraternity.

This toast was responded to in fitting terms and in an eloquent and stirring manner by Rev. Bro. Miles. He expressed himself highly pleased with the revival of the Feast, and hoped it would have an abiding influence in warming and expanding by social festivity, the deeper and nobler emotions of the human heart.

The toast-master then read the following :—

The Old Masonic Temple—It has served the purpose of Masonry for many years, and only ceases as a Temple of Light to become we hope under national auspices, the Temple of Justice.

Bro. Charles L. Woodbury, Esq., U. S. District Attorney, after having been refreshed, as by the dew of Hermon, from the East, responded to this toast, in a felicitous and eloquent manner.

The following toast was then announced :—

The Recording Grand Secretary—A living Cyclopaedia of Masonic law—at home in the history, the jurisprudence, and the festival occasions of the Craft.

R. W. Bro. Moore responded to this toast, speaking at large of Masonic festivals, their character and influence upon the fraternity in the advance of its principles. He thought they were essential to bring out and develop some of the best feelings of the Craft and highest purposes of the Institution.

Brother Moore concluded his remarks with the following sentiment:—

Masonic Festivals—Like the holy days of the Church, they tend to inspire faith and promote works, without which the constituents of true Masonry would be wanting, and its best influences unfelt—may their revival constitute a favorable era in Masonic works.

A toast complimentary to the patriotic efforts and services of the Corresponding Grand Secretary, was given by the toast-master and responded to in a very happy and suitable manner by Hon. Bro. G. Washington Warren.

The following toast was read:—

Webster—While the great statesman "still lives," by his deeds and his eloquent words, in our memories, we are ready to respect his name wherever we find it.

Bro. Sidney Webster, Esq., being called upon by the Grand Master, responded to this toast, in eloquent and patriotic terms, speaking of the conservative character and the hopeful influences of the institution—the great brotherhood of Masonry—in promoting the harmony of the people and contributing to the perpetuity of our political union.

The following was then given:—

The Knights Templars of Boston—They have repeatedly shown themselves as true Knights—worthy successors of their ancient Brethren and honorable representatives of the present rank of the Order—may they never be reduced to the necessity of riding two Knights upon one horse.

Bro. Benjamin Dean was called upon to respond in behalf of the Knights Templars. After doing so, in appropriate and eloquent terms, he spoke of the revival of the present festival, and introduced the following memorandum of a celebration of the day, in revolutionary times, in 1778, with the endorsement annexed:—

"*Head Quarters, Providence, Decemr. 16th, [1778.]*

"All Brethren of the Ancient and honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, who are in this department, are Notified that the feast of St. John will be celebrated at Hacker's Hall, In Providence, on Monday, the 28th Inst. All Visiting Brethren who are desirous of Attending the Festival are Notified by the Request of the Right Worshipfull Master, I. Warden, that a Special Lodge will be held at the Court House, in Providence, on Monday Evening next, where such as have not been In-

troduced to the Lodge in this place, will have an Opty which will prevent the Trouble that must be Occationed by their Introduction on the Day of the festival. The Commander-in-Chief gives permission to all Officers who belong to that fraternity to attend on Monday next, and also on the day of the festival."

Copied from the original Record of Josiah Fletcher Adjutant in the Regiment of Col Jacobs, of Massachusetts, and presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, at Nassau Hall, Boston, December 27, A. L. 5858, by Brother David Pulsifer.

A few other toasts were given, and various recreative ceremonies introduced during the evening, tending to promote the general joy of the occasion, and mark it as a success.

The company broke up at about 11 o'clock, after having enjoyed a very agreeable evening, in which hilarity was mingled with brotherly feelings, and recreation with instruction. It is hoped that the festivity of St. John the Evangelist, so long kept up in the olden time and so happily revived in the present, may now be continued without interruption.

INCORPORATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled :

The undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable Body for an Act of Incorporation in behalf of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, empowering them to hold real estate, not exceeding in amount two hundred thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

JOHN T. HEARD.
CHAS. ROBBINS.
GEO. M. RANDALL.
WINSLOW LEWIS.
CHAS. W. MOORE.
CHAS. R. TRAIN.
THOMAS TOLMAN.
BRADFORD L. WALES.

Boston, January 28, 1859.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Section 1. John T. Heard, Grand Master, and his associates, the Grand Wardens and Members of the Voluntary Association known as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Massachusetts, and their successors, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, by the name of The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, for the purpose of managing and administering the charity funds belonging to said voluntary association, with power to have a common seal, to sue and be sued, to make

and ordain from time to time By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government and management of the Corporation, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth; and that they have all the privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities set forth in the fortyfourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable to corporations for charitable purposes.

Section 2. The said Corporation may take by purchase, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold real estate not exceeding the value of two hundred thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars.

Section 3. John T. Heard is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by advertisement in two newspapers printed in Boston, one week previous thereto, and appoint the time and place thereof, at which meeting the mode of calling future meetings shall be regulated.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect on and after its passage.

House of Representatives, March 1, 1859.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES HALE, *Speaker.*

In Senate, March 1, 1859.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *President.*

March 1, 1859.

Approved :

NATHL. P. BANKS.

Secretary's Department, Boston, March 2, 1859.

A true copy—Attest,

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

Pursuant to an Act of the Honorable Legislature of this Commonwealth, incorporating the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, I do hereby notify the Officers and Members of said Grand Lodge to meet at Nassau Hall, Boston, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., then and there to determine whether they will accept the said Act of Incorporation, and to transact any other business that may legally come before them.

JOHN T. HEARD, *G. Master.*

Boston, March 2, 1859.

*At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Nassau Hall, Boston, on the 9th of March, the Act of Incorporation was accepted—eighty-nine votes in the affirmative and five in the negative.

LIST OF LODGES.

THE following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge :—

First District.

R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Newton.

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| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Mount Tabor, East Boston, (1846.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1853.) |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Winslow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) | Revere, Boston, (1857.) |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Pequosette, Watertown, (1957.) |

Second District.

R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, Newburyport.

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| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1700.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1766.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1832.) |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM NORTH, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Excelsior, Groton Junction, U. D. |
| Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) | |

Fourth District.

R. W. LEVI RAWSON, Farnumsville.

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| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Franklin, Grafton, (1852.) |
| Olive Branch, Sutton, (1797.) | Blackstone River, Blackstone, (1856.) |
| Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, (1818.) | Webster, Webster, U. D. |

Fifth District.

R. W. BRADFORD L. WALES, Randolph.

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| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) | Paul Revere, North Bridgewater, (1857.) |
| Rural, Quincy, (1801.) | |
| Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) | |

Sixth District.

R. W. JOHN A. DANA, Worcester.

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| Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) | Quaboag, Warren. |
| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Montacute, Worcester, U. D. |
| Meridian, Natick, (1797.) | Trinity, Clinton, U. D. |
| Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) | |

Seventh District.

R. W. GEORGE H. TABER, Fairhaven.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1798.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |
| St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) | Eureka, New Bedford, (1853.) |
| Star in the East, N. Bedford, (1823.) | |

Eighth District.**R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, Hyannis.**

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| King Hiram, Provincetown, (1796.) | Mt. Horeb, West Harwich, (1855.) |
| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | Benj. Franklin, Dennis, (1855.) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1801.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1856.) |
| Union, Nantucket, (1801.) | Pilgrim, South Harwich, U. D. |

Ninth District.**R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, Springfield.**

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| Cincinnatus, G. Barrington, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795.) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Lafayette, Adams, (North.) (1796) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856.) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796) | Berkshire, Adams, (South,) (1856.) |
| Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) | |

Tenth District.**R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, Holyoke.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Bethel, Enfield, (1825.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796.) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |
| Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) | |

Eleventh District.**R. W. CHARLES B. ROGERS, Charlestown.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856.) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Wyoming, Melrose, (1857.) |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1843.) | Mount Vernon, Malden, (1858.) |
| Putnam, East Cambridge, (1856.) | John Abbot, Somerville, (1855.) |
| Mount Hermon, Medford, (1856.) | Henry Price, Charlestown, U. D. |

Twelfth District.**R. W. JOHN H. SHEPPARD, Boston.**

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| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) |
| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Gate of the Temple, South Boston, (1856.) |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, (1857.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | |

CHARLES T. WARD, Jr., Special Deputy.

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| Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1855), | Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, S. A., U. D. |
| Southern Cross, Valparaiso, S. A., U. D. | |

G. SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

**CHAS. W. MOORE, Nassau Hall, 665 Washington
street, Boston, Mass.**

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

- 5834. Joshua B. Flint, M. D.
- 5837. Rev. Paul Dean.
- 5845. Simon W. Robinson, Esq.
- 5848. Edward A. Raymond, Esq.
- 5851. Rev. George M. Randall.
- 5854. Winslow Lewis, M. D.
- 5857. John T. Heard, Esq.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

- 5832. Abraham A. Dame, Esq.
- 5837. George G. Smith, Esq.
- 5843. John B. Hammatt, Esq.
- 5844. Rev. E. M. P. Wells.
- 5851. Lucius R. Paige, Esq.
- 5854. Abraham T. Low, M. D.
- 5858. Rev. William Flint.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

- 5840. Hon. Thomas Tolman.
- 5843. Robert Lash, Esq.
- 5844. Robert Keith, Esq.
- 5853. Daniel Harwood, M. D.
- 5854. Richard S. Spofford, M. D.
- 5855. Hon. William C. Plunkett
- 5857. Bradford L. Wales, M. D.
- 5858. Henry Goddard, Esq.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

- 5826. Hon. John Mills.
- 5837. C. Gayton Pickman, Esq.
- 5843. Thomas Power, Esq.
- 5844. John Hews, Esq.
- 5845. John R. Bradford, Esq.
- 5851. William Eaton, Esq.
- 5852. John Flint, M. D.
- 5853. Rev. Benjamin Huntton.
- 5854. Jonas A. Marshall, M. D.
- 5855. Samuel K. Hutchinson, Esq.
- 5856. Hon. Charles R. Train.
- 5857. John H. Sheppard, Esq.
- 5858. Isaac Hull Wright, Esq.



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OF
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OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
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THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND LODGES
IN
EUROPE AND AMERICA,
According to the Old Constitutions.
From March 8 to Dec. 27, 1859, being its 126th Anniversary.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, G. M.

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A B S T R A C T
OF
T H E P R O C E E D I N G S O F
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FROM
M A R C H 8, 1859, T O D E C E M B E R 27, 1859.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 8, A. L. 5859.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Nassau Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, March 8, A. L. 5858, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.

" Lorenzo H. Gamwell, S. G. W.

" Charles Robbins, J. G. W.

" Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.

" Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

" G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.

" Rev. Paul Dean, G. Chaplain, p. t.

W. Wm. S. Gardner, G. Marshal.

" Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.

" William W. Baker, J. G. D.

" Peter Wainwright,

" John Low, } G. Stewards.

" W. W. Wheildon, }

" Peter C. Jones, G. S. Bearer.

" J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.

" William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.

" Benj. F. Nourse, }

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " Bradford L. Wales, | " No. 5. |
| " John A. Dana, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |
| " John H. Sheppard, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of, and proceeded to instal, the R. W. Bradford L. Wales, M. D., of Randolph, as Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth District, made vacant by the resignation of R. W. Lucien B. Keith; and the R. W. John H. Sheppard, Esq., of Boston, as Deputy for the 12th District, vice R. W. Clement A. Walker, M. D., resigned on account of ill health.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced, that in view of the purchase of real estate for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, as authorized by vote of the Grand Lodge, on the 27th Dec. last, he had with the advice and co-operation of such officers and members of the Grand Lodge as he could most conveniently consult, obtained of the Legislature an *Act of Incorporation*, authorizing the Grand Lodge to hold real estate to the value of two hundred thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, which Act of Incorporation he read as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTYNINE.

An Act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows—

Section 1. John T. Heard, Grand Master, and his associates, the Grand Wardens and Members of the Voluntary Association known as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Massachusetts, and

their successors, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic by the name of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, for the purpose of managing and administering the charity funds belonging to said voluntary association, with power to have a common seal, to sue and be sued, to make and ordain from time to time By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government and management of the Corporation, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth; and that they have all the privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities set forth in the fortyfourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable to corporations for charitable purposes.

Section 2. The said Corporation may take by purchase, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold real estate not exceeding the value of two hundred thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars.

Section 3. John T. Heard is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by advertisement in two newspapers printed in Boston, one week previous thereto, and appoint the time and place thereof, at which meeting the mode of calling future meetings shall be regulated.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect on and after its passage.

House of Representatives, March 1, 1859.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES HALE, *Speaker.*

In Senate, March 1, 1859.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *President.*

March 1, 1859.

Approved.

NATH'L. P. BANKS.

Secretary's Department, Boston, March 2d, 1859.

A true copy—Attest.

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

The Grand Master also stated that he had called the present meeting in the manner required by the third section of said act, by causing the same to be advertised in "three" newspapers printed in Boston, one week previous thereto; namely, in the Boston Courier of March, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9; in the Boston Morning Post of March 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, and in the Boston Daily Journal of March 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8—copies of which papers were placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Whereupon W. Br. W. H. L. Smith offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That we now declare ourselves a meeting of the persons named in the Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, approved March 1st, 1859, entitled an "Act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts," for the purpose of determining whether we will accept said act of incorporation, and for the transaction of any other business that may lawfully come before such meeting.

On motion of R. W. Br. Isaac H. Wright, it was

Voted, That the M. W. John T. Heard be invited to act as *Moderator*, and that R. W. Charles W. Moore be appointed *Clerk* of the meeting.

Br. Moore was then sworn to a faithful performance of his duties as Clerk of the meeting, by Br. Wm. H. L. Smith, a Justice of the Peace.

Br. Smith then offered the following Vote, which, after a lengthy and free discussion, was adopted by a vote of eightynine (89) in the affirmative, to five (5) in the negative.

Voted, That we hereby accept the Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled an Act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, approved March 1st, A. D. 1859; and we hereby declare ourselves organized under said Act.

The following Votes were then successively offered and unanimously adopted :—

Voted, That the seal now used by this Grand Lodge, being the voluntary association named in said Act, shall be the seal of the Corporation, to be kept and used by the Recording Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Recording Grand Secretary of said Voluntary association, and two other members to be elected at large, be and hereby are constituted a Board of Directors with full power to do and transact any and all business of the Corporation, in any way relating to its property, real or personal. The Grand Master, or, in case of his absence or disability, the Deputy Grand Master, to

be the presiding officer of such Board, and the Recording Grand Secretary its recording officer. Meetings of said Board to be called and notified in such manner and at such times as they shall determine; and the action of a majority of the Board to be binding; said Board, however, to be at all times subject to the direction of the Corporation.

Voted, That future meetings of this Grand Lodge, whether regular or special, shall be notified by publication in one or more newspapers printed in the city of Boston, such publication to be at least one week prior to the time appointed for holding such meetings. Special meetings may be called at pleasure by the presiding officer of the Corporation, or by vote of the Board of Directors.

Voted, That the present officers of said voluntary association be declared the officers of this Corporation, until their successors shall be chosen and installed.

Voted, That the foregoing votes, together with the "Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and general regulations for the government of the Craft under its jurisdiction," excepting such provisions thereof as are inconsistent with these votes, or are otherwise inapplicable, are hereby made and ordained By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations for the government and management of this Corporation, subject however, to amendment, alteration, or repeal, in such way and at such time as this Grand Lodge shall determine.

On motion of W. Br. Gardner, the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect two Brethren from the members of the Grand Lodge, to complete the Board of Directors, as provided for in the *second* of the foregoing Votes, and the R. W. Winslow Lewis, and W. Br. Wm. H. L. Smith having received a majority of the votes cast, were elected.

On motion of R. W. Br. Harwood, it was

Voted, That a committee of seven be appointed, to whom shall be referred the By-Laws adopted this day, with instructions to report at the next quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge what alterations, if any, it is expedient and advisable to make in them.

The Grand Master appointed to compose the above Committee, Bros. Harwood, Paige, Coolidge, Benjamin Dean, Smith, Gardner and Hall; to which, on motion, the Grand Master was added as Chairman.

Br. Wm. H. L. Smith offered the following preamble and Vote :—

Whereas in the Deed of Trust dated Nov. 5th, A. D. 1835, made by John Abbot to Simon W. Robinson and others, of the estate called the Masonic Temple, it was provided, substantially, that if this Grand Lodge should at any time become legally capable of taking and holding said estate in fee simple; and should at any meeting thereof legally holden elect so to do, then and in that case said estate should be conveyed to said Corporation, their successors and assigns, to their own use forever, in fee simple, and whereas pursuant to another provision of said deed of trust, said estate has been sold and conveyed by said Trustees under, and in pursuance of, a vote of this Grand Lodge, then a voluntary association, directing the Trustees of said estate to sell the same and hold the proceeds for the same Trusts and for the same uses as they held the said Masonic Temple.

And whereas, the said Trustees have received and invested, or retained such proceeds, now therefore—

Voted, That this Grand Lodge, now being incorporated, hereby elects to take and hold in its own name, the proceeds of said estate; and all other property of said Grand Lodge, however invested and by whomsoever now held; and the Board of Directors of this Corporation are hereby authorized and instructed to procure the necessary conveyances and transfers of such property to this Grand Lodge, and to give suitable receipts, discharges and indemnities therefor.

The foregoing was amended on motion of Br. W. W. Wheildon, by adding the following Vote, namely :—

Voted, That the Directors be further authorized to receive by Deed of conveyance the estate known as the Winthrop House estate in Boston, lately purchased and standing in the name of R. W. Edward A. Raymond, and now offered, in pursuance of the objects for which the same was purchased by him, to this corporation; and to make and perform all agreements in reference to the full conveyance of said property, with the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, as to them shall appear just and expedient, and in full compliance with the terms of the Deed of Trust aforesaid, and with full power in all these premises to act for this corporation.

The preamble and Votes were then unanimously adopted as a whole.

The Dispensation granted by the Grand Master to sundry Brethren residing in Warren, in Worcester County, in March, 1858, to open and hold a Lodge of Masons, with a copy of the proceedings had under the same, and also a copy of the code of By-Laws adopted for the government of the Lodge, together with a petition for a Charter, were received and referred to the Grand Secretary, who subsequently reported that the proceedings had been in conformity with the requirements of this Grand Lodge in such cases, and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The report was adopted, and the Charter ordered to be issued.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past 6 o'clock.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—JUNE 8, A. L. 5859.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Nassau Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, June 8, A. L. 5859, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

- R. W. Winslow Lewis, G. Master, p. t.
- “ L. H. Gainwell, S. G. W.
- “ Charles Robbins, J. G. W.
- “ Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
- “ Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
- “ G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.
- W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain.
- “ P. C. Jones, G. Marshal, p. t.
- “ Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
- “ S. M. Hunt, J. G. D. p. t.
- “ John Low, G. Steward.
- “ William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
- “ Benj. F. Nourse, }

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
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| " John A. Dana, | " No. 6. |
| " Geo. H. Taber, | " No. 7. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " John H. Sheppard, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Br. Jonathan Greenwood was recognized as proxy for Middlesex Lodge, Framingham.

The R. W. Br. Lewis then arose and announced that the M. W. Grand Master had been pleased to appoint the R. W. Hon. Charles B. Train, of Framingham, to fill the office of Deputy Grand Master, occasioned by the death of the R. W. and Rev. William Flint, of Greenfield. Whereupon, on motion, the R. W. Bros. Paige, Coolidge, and Sheppard were appointed a Committee to introduce the R. W. Br. Train for installation, which having been done the R. W. Br. was duly installed, and assumed the Chair as presiding officer.

The R. W. Br. Lewis then announced the death of the late Deputy Grand Master, in the following terms:—

The great Arbiter of Life and Death, who doeth all things wisely and well, has in his Providence removed from this Body, one so recently among us in the apparent activity of health; one long devoted to our cause and to the service of his God, to the fulfillment of every duty as a man and Mason.

Our late D. G. M., R. W. Br. and Rev. Wm. Flint, died at Greenfield, the town of his residence, and of the Episcopal Church of which he was the beloved Rector, on Tuesday morning of the 12th of April last. His health had not been good for about a year previously, but his confinement and inability to perform the duties of his profession, continued only from the Friday preceding the day of his decease.

It was his request that he should be buried with Masonic honors, a mark of respect we should have rendered to his memory as a worthy and devoted Mason had this request not been made. Accordingly on the day of his burial, April 14, our funeral rites were performed by the

Grand Master, John T. Heard, assisted by R. W. Winslow Lewis, P. G. M. ; R. W. C. W. Moore, R. G. S. ; R. W. and Rev. Dr. Osgood, G. C. ; W. Br. Wm. W. Wheildon, G. S. W. Br. Lambert preached the funeral discourse; one deeply impressive and eloquent. Republican Lodge and a large number of Brethren residing in the neighborhood of Greenfield, were present also. The prayer at the grave by the venerable Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Osgood, breathed the spirit of piety and confidence that all was well forever with our dead Brother; and with that confidence we laid his body in the earth, with the full assurance of his soul's blessed immortality.

The Rev. Dr. Flint was a man of no ordinary composition. In stature commanding, with a fine voice, he was an impressive speaker—his style fervid and forcible—and his mind could pass with great rapidity from “grave to gay, from lively to severe.” He had a genial, warm, affectionate heart. Ever ready to conduce to the pleasure of his friends, he was ever the welcome companion. No one who knew him, but loved him. He was the “beau ideal,” the very personification of the good, the upright, the sincere Mason and friend. His intellectual power was strong, his mental endowments much above the common standard, and as a conversationalist he excelled. He won hearts by his kindness of manner, and respect by his evident excellence. We have lost a most valued Brother, and Masonry one of its firmest votaries. We have lost one who had a *heart*—for alas! all have the mere pulsating organ, but few possess that high functionary perfection of moral action which is the heart's best performance, which feels aright for all, and is contained in a breast which bestows happiness around.

There is a tribute due to every departed Brother who has fulfilled his Masonic relations with fidelity, however humble the position he may have occupied in the Fraternity; and surely, to him now lost to us on earth, who occupied the honorable office next to the chair in this Grand Lodge, who, in so many States of this Union, sustained so many varied relations of Masonic importance, we owe all that we can now pay to his memory—the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Christian Church, the general community, and Freemasonry, have lost by the death of our R. W. Brother, the late Rev. Wm. Flint, a true soldier of the Cross, a valued citizen, a dearly beloved Brother.

Resolved, That though translated from earth to happier skies; though lost in the midst of life and usefulness, he has done his work well, and has left his memory to be cherished, his loss to be deplored.

Resolved, That we tender the united sympathies of our Fraternity to

her, who shared with him the happiness of domestic union, and trust that that union, though here severed, may be re-established in the never ending tie of a still happier hereafter.

The Resolutions were spoken to in feeling and appropriate terms by the presiding officer, and adopted by a unanimous vote—the Brethren rising in their places; and the jewels were ordered to be draped in mourning for the usual time.

The proceedings had in the case of the expulsion of *Samuel S. Miles*, by Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn, were presented, and referred to Bros. Lewis, Reed and Buckingham; which Committee subsequently offered the following Report:—

In Grand Lodge, June 8th, 1859.

The committee to whom was referred the action of Mount Horeb Lodge on the matter of the expulsion of *SAMUEL S. MILES*, find it was in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and in proper Masonic legal form, and are unanimously of the opinion, that the verdict of the Lodge should be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSLOW LEWIS,
WILLIAM READ,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM, } *Committee.*

The Report was unanimously adopted, and the expulsion of said Miles was confirmed.

The Dispensation, Records, &c., of Montacute Lodge, Worcester, together with a petition for a Charter, were presented, and referred to Bros. Buckingham, Fessenden and Martin; which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for a Charter from Montacute Lodge, at Worcester, respectfully

REPORT,

That they have examined the records, &c., of Montacute Lodge. The dues have been paid, the records have been neatly and faithfully kept. The By-Laws, however, are not drawn up with sufficient accuracy to insure freedom from misunderstanding hereafter, and in some

few respects they are not consistent with the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge. The committee recommend, that a Charter be granted to Montacute Lodge, but that their By-Laws be returned them for revision and correction, and that the consecration of the Lodge be deferred until the Grand Master shall have approved their revised code of By-Laws.

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM.
W. C. MARTIN.
CHAS. FESSENDEN.

June 8, 1859.

The Dispensation and Records of Henry Price Lodge, at Charlestown, were also presented, and referred to Bros. Reed, Hall and M. A. Moore, and this Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge, June, 8th, 1859.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Price Lodge for a Charter, have attended to their duty and respectfully beg leave to submit the following

R E P O R T .

They find the Records of this Lodge very accurately and correctly kept, and deserving of great commendation for their good appearance. The return to this Grand Lodge is correct in all particulars and in the opinion of your Committee there exists no reason, why a charter should not be granted. They accordingly recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WM. READ.
JNO. K. HALL.
M. A. MOORE.

The By-Laws of Blackstone River Lodge were referred to Bros. Marshall, Sheppard and Sanders, for examination; and this Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, June 8th.

The committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, respectfully

R E P O R T .

That Section 3d, 4th and 5th of Article 1st, and Section 3d of Article 2d, and the last eight lines of Article 5th are not conformable to the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefor ecommend that said By-Laws be amended accordingly, and shall take effect and become binding when so amended by the Lodge.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL, *Committee.*

A communication was received from Br. Rev. Cyril Pearl, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine, proposing an interchange of representatives, which was referred to Bros. Warren, Wainwright and Wheildon; who, through their chairman, offered the following Report, which was unanimously adopted :—

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Cyril Pearl on behalf of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, proposing an interchange of Representatives of the several Grand Lodges with each other, have considered the subject and ask leave to

R E P O R T ,

That this subject has heretofore been acted upon by this Grand Lodge, who have deemed it inexpedient to make such appointments on their behalf. This committee see no ground for changing this decision, and they therefore recommend that no further action be taken on this subject.

On behalf of the Committee,

G. WASHINGTON WARREN, *Chairman.*

An invitation from Middlesex Lodge, to attend the celebration of the ensuing St. John's Day, at Framingham, was accepted; as was also a courteous invitation from the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, for the Grand Officers to make his house at Framingham their head quarters on the day of the celebration.

The following invitation was received and referred to Bros. Dean and Warren, who subsequently offered the Report appended, which was adopted :—

To the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts.

The undersigned, Architect of the Monument to the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers, now in process of erection at Plymouth, acting in behalf of the Pilgrim Society respectfully invites the Grand Lodge to

lay the Corner Stone, with Masonic ceremonies, on the first of August next, Providence permitting.

It is extremely desirable that an early reply should be received from the Grand Lodge, as the arrangements for the celebration await its action.

Very Respectfully,

Boston, June 8, 1859.

HAMMATT BILLINGS.

To the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The undersigned committee to whom the foregoing invitation was referred, respectfully recommend its acceptance.

BENJAMIN DEAN,
G. WASHINGTON WARREN, } *Committee.*

R. W. Rev. Br. Wells, Chairman of the Committee of Relief, made a Report of their doings for the last quarter, which was adopted.

W. Br. Smith presented a joint petition from Benjamin Franklin Lodge, at West Dennis, and Mt. Horeb Lodge, at West Harwich, praying permission to unite and work as one Lodge, under the Charter of Mount Horeb Lodge; which was referred to Bros. Pope, Hobart, and McCartney. This Committee offered a Report in conformity with the prayer of the petitioners, which was adopted; but which was subsequently reconsidered, and the whole subject referred to the Grand Master, with full powers.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in due form, at 4 o'clock.
Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 14, A. L. 5859.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Nassau Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, September 14, A. L. 5859.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. Charles R. Train, D. G. M.
 W. John Low, S. G. W. p. t.
 R. W. John Flint, J. G. W. p. t.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., } G. Chaplains.
 " Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., }
 " William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.
 " Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 R. W. Isaac H. Wright, J. G. D. p. t.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " William North, | " No. 3. |
| " Levi Rawson, | " No. 4. |
| " John A. Dana, | " No. 6. |
| " George H. Tabor, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock. Prayer by the Senior Grand Chaplain.

The Dispensation, Records, &c., of Webster Lodge, were presented, and referred to Bros. Martin, Patterson and Sampson, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

M. W. Grand Master—

The Committee appointed to examine the records and By-Laws of Webster Lodge, have attended to that duty, and respectfully Report as follows :—

Your Committee find the records to have been very neatly kept and that the proceedings of said Lodge have been very correct.

Also, that the By-Laws of said Lodge are found to be in accordance with the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge.

Finally, your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners for a Charter be granted.

Respectfully submitted by

W. C. MARTIN,
N. P. C. PATTERSON, } *Committee.*
W. H. SAMPSON,

The Dispensation, Records, &c. of Clinton Lodge, were also returned and referred to Bros. Read, Pope and Sleeper, who, having examined the same, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

Grand Lodge, Sept. 14, 5859.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Trinity Lodge Clinton, Mass., now working under a dispensation, for permission to reorganize and work under the original charter of Trinity Lodge, No. 6, held at Lancaster, have attended to their duty and respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

That by the Laws of this Grand Lodge the requisite formalities attendant upon the surrender of their charter not having been complied with by the Brethren of Trinity Lodge, formerly held at Lancaster, in this State, that Lodge, and as a consequence their charter also have ceased to exist, and become forfeited to this Grand Lodge. See Part 4th, Art. 1st, Sec. 4th—Part 3d, Art. 3d, Sec. 1st and 2d.

The prayer of the petitioners therefore cannot be granted without a violation of the existing laws of this Grand Lodge.

They have also examined the By-Laws and Records accompanying this petition and find them to be correct and well kept, and the returns to this Grand Lodge accurately made out.

They would therefore recommend that a charter be granted the petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. READ.
R. S. POPE.
C. F. SLEEPER.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitutions had further time.

The R. W. Br. Warren submitted a Report on the

Grand Master's Address, which was read and laid on the table.

R. W. Br. Taber presented a petition from the Constitutional number of former members of the late Bristol Lodge, at Attleboro', praying that the Charter of said Lodge (recently surrendered) may be again restored to them; which petition was referred to Bros. Coolidge, Marshall and Brainard, with instructions to report to the M. W. Grand Master who was clothed with full powers in the premises.

W. Br. Peter C. Jones offered the following Vote, which was adopted :—

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the work of the Grand Lecturers and report to this Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly meeting, if it accords with the work adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1849.

The Grand Master appointed on the Committee Bros. C. W. Moore, Rogers, Bradford, Hutchinson and Jones.

The Quarterly Report of the Committee of Relief was presented and adopted.

On motion, it was

Voted, That Trinity Lodge be permitted to retain the old Records, Charter, &c., of the former Trinity Lodge, held in the town of Lancaster, until called for by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 4 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 14, A. L. 5859.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Nassau Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, December 14th, A. L. 5859.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. John B. Hammatt, D. G. M. p. t.
 " L. H. Gainwell, S. G. W.
 " Charles Robbins, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain.
 " William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " Wm. W. Baker, J. G. D.
 " Peter Wainwright,
 " John Low,
 " W. W. Wheildon, } G. Stewards.
 " S. M. Hunt,
 " Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 " William C. Martin, } G. Lecturers.
 " Benj. F. Nourse,

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
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| " William North, | " No. 3. |
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| " George H. Tabor, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |
| " John H. Sheppard, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee of Finance submitted their Report, which was read and adopted, except so much as related to the salary of the Grand Treasurer, which was referred

to the Board of Directors, with authority to establish a fixed and definite salary for that officer.

The Committee on the Library presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

Dec. 14, 1859.

The Committee on the Library

R E P O R T,

That its increase during the past year has not added much numerically to its importance, still a few additions have been made of great value, and which did not accrue to the Grand Lodge at its expense.

Your Committee regret to state that the annual Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States are sadly incomplete in your Library, and that there is not one perfect set of any Grand Lodge proceedings, no, not even of our own. The very last acquisition to the Library, (and every intelligent Mason would suppose it should have been the very first) was the "Freemasons' Magazine"—the work of your own Grand Secretary; every where known, every where prized, as the very best exponent of Masonic Law—the most conservative, as well as the oldest in the Union—a perfect series of which is with great difficulty obtained for a sum less than \$110.

Undoubtedly there are many who may be disposed to decry the formation of a Library, especially those of the "cui bono" species, who deem it a "Biblio mania," involving expenditure, without return. It may relieve such who look to the pecuniary outlay, to learn, that the now valuable collection of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has only cost the Institution the paltry sum of about \$150.

Is a Masonic Library profitless? When the future historian of our country shall have occasion to pourtray those popular excitements which have agitated society, and among them, the worst of them all, the Anti-masonic, where could he glean all on the subject, where could he turn for the most extensive detail of that nefarious body, but to the ample pages of the "Masonic Mirror"—a work of rare merit and fidelity, and which has become, even now, a rarity among book-collectors, a book so rare, that your Committee know of no other perfect copy than the one in your collection.

How often it is necessary to consult authorities, and seek information on the history of the Order and on the various subjects connected with it? How desirable it is that those, who hold official positions, should have a "Collectania" from whence to derive such opinions or decisions

as their stations impose—much perhaps that is generally considered as worthless is sent forth from the press. But every department of literature has its “trash” mingled with its good, still that work which has in it no one idea, either curious, quaint or original, must of itself be a curiosity.

The Library of the Grand Lodge is therefore like all collections, a collection of the valuable mingled with the *almost* useless, we say *almost*, for many of these “turn up” to satisfy the literary researches of some antiquarian minds, seekers of the “odds and ends” of the teeming press; “chiffoniers,” who, raking from the gutters of intellectual sewers, sometimes from the mud itself bring to light that which is valuable and worthy of preservation.

Your Committee would therefore solicit from the Brethren, donations of any books or pamphlets, good, bad or indifferent, which have any relation, direct or indirect, with Freemasonry, for or against it.

Among the very few donors, our excellent Br. Thomas Waterman must again be mentioned as having contributed a very choice collection of bound volumes of pamphlets, interspersed with which are short biographies of the shining lights of our Order by his pen.

Your Committee in thanking him for his liberality would commend him as an example to others, “to go and do likewise.”

Respectfully submitted.

WINSLOW LEWIS,

Chairman of the Committee on Library.

The proceeding of St. Alban's Lodge, on charges for unmasonic conduct against Brother Lewis Smith, a member of said Lodge, and the vote expelling said Smith from “the Order of Freemasonry,” were presented, and referred to Bros. Taber, Warren and Sampson; which Committee subsequently reported, that the proceedings of the Lodge were regular and according to Masonic usage, and that they should be confirmed by the Grand Lodge; which Report was adopted, and the expulsion of said Lewis Smith from Masonry was thereby confirmed.

The Committee of Relief presented their Report, which was adopted.

The By-Laws of Marine Lodge, Falmouth, were presented, and referred to the Grand Master.

A petition was received from Olive Branch Lodge, praying for permission to remove said Lodge from West Sutton to the town of Milbury, which was granted.

A communication from David Simpson complaining of the action of Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford, in excluding him from membership in said Lodge, was received, and after hearing the petitioner in relation thereto, it was

Voted, That the whole subject be referred to Bros. Wells, Wright, North, Marshall and Smith, with instructions to report the facts in the case, with such recommendations as they may judge proper.

The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund presented a copy of their doings for the past year, which was read and accepted.

R. W. Br. Robinson offered the following Article of amendment to the Constitutions, which was referred to the Committee on that subject:—

Every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall be allowed three votes in all elections in this Grand Lodge, whether represented by one or more of its authorized representatives. And all laws and regulations inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby rescinded.

The M. W. Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact, that the sale of the Masonic Temple having been accomplished, it seemed to be a proper time to remember the long services of the Brethren who had held that property in trust. Whereupon, on motion of Br. Wright, it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the appreciation in which the Grand Lodge hold the past services of the Trustees of the Temple.

The Grand Master appointed on the foregoing Committee Bros. Wright, Keith and Coolidge.

Brother Edward J. Minot, of Boston, was recognized as Proxy for Paul Revere Lodge.

The Committee on Amendments of the Constitution submitted an article proposing a change in the present

manner of organizing the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge, which, after discussion, was laid on the table.

Charters were ordered to be issued to Hiram Lodge, Copiapo, and Southern Cross Lodge, Valparaiso, within the Republic of Chili, S. America, both having worked the Constitutional term under Dispensations, and made the required returns, &c.

The R. W. Bro. Moore, in behalf of the Committee on the Work and Lectures, made a verbal report, when, on his motion, the further consideration of the subject was referred to the communication to be held on the 27th inst.

A communication was received from Wyoming Lodge, and referred to Bros. Rogers, Marshall and M. A. Moore.

At half-past 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge took a recess for an hour and a half.

EVENING SESSION.

At half-past 7 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to order, visitors being excluded.

On motion it was

Voled, That the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund and the Trustees of the Temple are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, but not to the privilege of voting as such.

A return of the voters present was made for the purpose of going into an election of Grand Master, and Brothers Goddard, Hall and C. C. Dame, were appointed a Committee to collect the votes, who, having attended to that duty, reported the election of

R. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., of Boston.

Dr. Lewis being present signified his acceptance of the office.

The election then proceeded, with the following results:—

- R. W. JOEL SPALDING, M. D., of Lowell, Senior Grand Warden.
 " WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, of West Newton, J. Grand Warden.
 " THOS. TOLMAN, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.
 " CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, R. Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

R. W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER, SOLON THORNTON, WM. H. L. SMITH.

Br. Oliver having declined the appointment, W. Br. John K. Hall was elected to fill the vacancy.

Brother Parkman having declined his place on the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, the R. W. Isaac H. Wright was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at three quarters past 10 o'clock.

STATED COMMUNICATION—DEC. 27, A. L. 5859.

The M. W. Grand Lodge assembled, in accordance with the provisions of its Constitutions, at Nassau Hall, on the morning of Tuesday, the 27th December, A. L. 5859, for the exemplification of the Work; the Dedication of its new Halls, at the corner of Tremont and Boylstone streets; the Installation of its Officers for the ensuing year, and the celebration of the "Annual Feast."

P R E S E N T.

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. THOMAS TOLMAN, S. G. W. p. t.
 " ISAAC H. WRIGHT, J. G. W. p. t.
 " CHARLES W. MOORE, R. G. Secretary.
 W. JOHN LOW, G. Marshal, p. t.
 " JESSE P. PATTEE, J. G. Deacon p. t.
 " PETER C. JONES, G. S. Bearer.
 " WILLIAM C. MARTIN, } G. Lecturers,
 " BENJ. F. NOURSE, }

And a large number of delegates and visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened at 9 o'clock, in ample form.

A communication was received from Bro. A. Alexander Little in behalf of the Committee of Fredericksburg Lodge, at Fredericksburg, Va., asking for aid in the erection of a monumental statue to Gen. Washington, was presented and referred to Bros. Robinson, Warren, and Upham; which committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee of the Grand Lodge to whom was referred the Communication of A. Alexander Little on behalf of the Committee of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, in Virginia, have attended to that duty and ask leave to

R E P O R T.

It appears that this Lodge being the one in which Washington was made a Mason, by the co-operation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and of other Grand Lodges of the Union, ordered in 1854 a Marble Statue of him in Masonic Regalia, and with the Jewel of a Past Master, to be executed by Hiram Powers. To this work the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts subscribed at that time the sum of one hundred dollars. This Statue has been executed and forwarded to New York; those who have seen it, have pronounced it to be a highly creditable work of art, and worthy of the great man whom it is designed ever to commemorate.

There is a deficiency of twentyfive hundred dollars, necessary to be provided for to pay the cost of this work. This sum must be made up by additional subscription from the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the Union—or from the exhibition of the statue in the large cities.

The exhibition of a work of this character is attended with great risk and uncertainty; it is understood that in New York the result has not been satisfactory. If the Committee of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, should deem it desirable to forward the work here, the Grand Lodge should appoint a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for its reception, but at the same time they ought not to make any assurances as to the result of such an experiment. However the community in general may regard it, every Mason would gladly avail himself of the opportunity to view a worthy Monumental Masonic Monument in honor of Washington.

The Committee, however, believe that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will fully recognize the importance of contributing its proportion towards making up the sum required for the balance due for the cost

of this Statue. It was certainly a highly patriotic and noble endeavor of a single subordinate Lodge to present to the memory of posterity in an enduring form the Father of his Country as a Mason and a Master of a Lodge. In addition to the great expenses they have already incurred, they propose to erect a suitable and permanent building in Fredericksburg in which the Statue is to be placed. The committee therefore unanimously recommend, that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in addition to the One Hundred Dollars previously subscribed, be appropriated on the part of the Grand Lodge, as their Contribution to this most great and important undertaking. And that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay over the sum of \$300, to the order of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, in Virginia—and further, that in case the said Lodge should determine to place the Statue on Exhibition in this city, your Committee be authorized to aid and assist them in making the necessary arrangements therefor, and with an authority to incur such expenditures in connection therewith as may be previously approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

S. W. ROBINSON.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN.

JAMES H. UPHAM.

The Grand Master having stated the particular business of the day to be the exemplification of the work and lectures, directed the Grand Lecturers to take their places and proceed in the discharge of that duty.

In accordance with that direction the work and lectures of the first and second degrees were exemplified in the forenoon, in the presence of a larger number of Brethren than have ever before assembled in this city, on any similar occasion.

At half-past 12 o'clock the Grand Lodge took a recess until 2 o'clock, when it was again called to order, and the Grand Lecturers gave the third degree, when the Grand Lodge was again called off until half-past 5 o'clock, then to meet at Freemasons' Hall, on Tremont street.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled at its new and beautiful Hall, at the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, for the first time, at half-past 5 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master.
 R. W. John B. Hammatt, D. G. M. p. t.
 " Henry Goddard, S. G. W. p. t.
 " Charles Robbins, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " G. Washington Warren, C. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., } G. Chaplains.
 " Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., }
 " William S. Gardner, G. Marshal.
 " Enoch Hobart, S. G. D.
 " Wm. W. Baker, J. G. D.
 " Peter Wainwright, }
 " John Low, } G. Stewards.
 " W. W. Wheildon, }
 " S. M. Hunt, }
 " Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Pattee, G. Pursuivant.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. William D. Coolidge, | District No. 1. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | " No. 2. |
| " John A. Dana, | " No. 6. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11, |

And not less than six hundred Brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened without ceremony, when the Grand Master announced that the first business before it was the Dedication of the various Halls, set apart for Masonic purposes. The ceremonies were then commenced and concluded according to the following programme :—

1. Voluntary on the Organ.
2. Prayer and reading of Scripture by Rev. Dr. Wells.
3. Original Ode. "To the Genius of Masonry," by Bro. Wm. W. Wheildon.
4. Dedication Ceremonies, embracing the three Halls—Corinthian, Ionic and Doric.
5. Address by the Grand Master, in which he gave an interesting historical sketch of the various halls, &c., occupied by the Grand Lodge since the first introduction of Masonry in Boston.

These ceremonies were followed by the Installation of the Officers for the ensuing year. Before entering upon which, however, the M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows:—

BRETHREN:—

At our annual festival, a year ago, there was one present who appeared to enter into the spirit of that occasion with a pleasure above that of his Brethren around him. We miss him here to-night; and the seat he occupied is filled by another. I refer to our late Deputy Grand Master, Rev. Bro. William Flint, who died in April last at his home in Greenfield, after a painful though not protracted sickness. It was his last request that he might be buried Masonically by his associates in this Body, which was complied with. The funeral occurred on the 14th of that month, during most inclement weather, yet it was largely attended by the Lodge of which he was a member, and by the Brethren of other Lodges in the vicinity of his residence. Bro. Flint was made a Mason in North Carolina, in 1837. He filled important stations in our institution in several of the United States, and ever evinced a deep interest in its prosperity. The action of this Grand Lodge at the quarterly communication in June, expressive of your appreciation of his character, but in which I could not participate owing to my absence, was a just tribute to the memory of our departed Brother. The vacancy in the office he held with so great credit to himself and benefit to us, was filled by Hon. Bro. Charles R. Train, of Framingham.

On the 10th of January last, the new and convenient hall of Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn, was dedicated according to our usages by the Grand Master, assisted by several Grand Officers.

By direction of the Board of Directors, the ancient records—of St. John's Grand Lodge and of Massachusetts Grand Lodge—have been duplicated. One set of all our records is now kept in an iron-safe,

which is in our R. G. Secretary's office, and the other is deposited in his private library.

During the year, I have granted dispensations, in a few cases, to supply official vacancies in Lodges, by election. In one case such power was given to fill the office of Secretary. I am convinced that the exercise of this authority has proved beneficial to the Lodges on which the privileges were conferred.

The celebration of St. John the Baptist day, in June last, at Framingham, was attended by a large number of Brethren. An excellent address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Wells, G. C. The feast, which had been prepared under a tent, was interrupted by a shower of rain at its commencement. The experiences of that occasion, induce me to recommend the celebration of our festivals in a more private manner. In my judgment the results would be far more satisfactory and profitable, if each Lodge would commemorate them by itself.

On the 2d of August, the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stones of two structures to be erected in Plymouth, in honor of the Pilgrim Fathers. Several of our subordinate Lodges were present, and also the Boston and De Molay Encampments of Knights Templars of Boston, to whom the Grand Lodge is under obligations for their services as an escort, and for other kind attentions.

In October last, I received a communication from the Superintendent of the "American Masonic Home," an asylum for orphans, to be established at Washington city. His agent was present at our quarterly communication, held on the 14th of this month, and addressed you on the subject. The project does not commend itself to my judgment: it is designed to compass too much to be prudently managed, and efficient in its results. We are more competent to practice this charity for persons in our own jurisdiction than our Brethren who are hundreds of miles from us. A distinct Masonic asylum, of any kind, can but be of doubtful utility, while there are so many charitable institutions of excellence in which our poor can enter through our intercession and contributions to their support.

The reports from our District Deputy Grand Masters afford, in general, the most gratifying accounts of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. Those Brethren have, during the past three years, co-operated as a Board of Deputies, and held meetings on the days of our communications, which have been instrumental of much good. I beg to take this opportunity to thank these officers for the great services they have rendered to Masonry in this Commonwealth, and in doing so, would include all who have served as District Deputies whilst I have occupied the office I am now to vacate.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM LODGES.

During the past year ten Dispensations for new Lodges have been granted, viz :—

March 4th, Pilgrim Lodge, Harwich, (South Village,) to Frederick Hebard, Charles Jenkins, Braddock G. Phillips, Caleb Nickerson, Joseph P. Nickerson, Warren Freeman, Joshua Nickerson, Joseph Doane, Jr., Zebina H. Godfrey, Reuben Tripp, Cyrus Weeks, 2d, Reuben Tripp, Jr., Zenas D. Eldredge, Stephen Nickerson, Nathaniel Robbins, Jr., and Timothy Baker, and appointed Frederick Hebard W. M., Warren Freeman, S. W., and Zebina H. Godfrey J. W. Dispensation dated March 4th, 1859 ; returnable March 1860.

March 25th, Excelsior Lodge, South Groton, to E. D. Bancroft (W. M.) O. N. Wing (S. W.), Augustus Dike (J. W.), B. F. Taft, John Gleason, George W. Standish, Arthur Fenner, Daniel L. King, Geo. H. Champney, Thomas H. Dunham, Geo. T. Woodbury, J. Q. A. McColleston, A. H. Caryl, Wm. F. Gaulding, Henry P. Nichols, J. H. Haskins, Wales A. Hayward, A. W. Churchill, Leander G. King, John O. Allen, Jesse Whiting, John A. Roberts and Amos W. Woods. Returnable March 1860.

June 13th, to Wilder Lodge, Leominster, to William Durant (W. M.), Calvin B. Cook (S. W.), Benj. Higbee (J. W.), Luther Longley, Sewall Richardson, William Wilder, Jonas Calbum and Ephraim Buss. Returnable in June 1860. This Lodge takes the name of one of the oldest Masons in this State and one of its most esteemed citizens, David Wilder, Esq. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1818, 1819 and 1820, and Deputy Grand Master in 1832.

August 10th, to Martha's Vineyard Lodge, Tisbury, to Joseph T. James (W. M.), Benjamin Clough (S. W.), Henry Bradley (J. W.), Daniel F. North, Alexander W. Smith, William Leach and Alexander Newcomb. Returnable in September 1860.

September 17th, to Oxford Lodge, Oxford, to J. A. McGaw (W. M.), T. A. Wilmarth (S. W.), Lovell H. Cleaveland (J. W.), John Wetherell, Lorister Shumway, Elihu Harwood, William Sigourney, Dennis S. B. Gates, W. A. White, Alexander De Witt, Wm. Kimball, Daniel Davis, Jona. Davis, Archibald Campbell, A. W. Fullerton, Leander P. Cobb, James Bacon, C. M. Gates, Benjamin Paine and L. C. Parks. Returnable in September 1860.

September 19th, to Orange Lodge, Orange, to B. M. Sawin (W. M.), C. W. Bass (S. W.), Jonas Goddard (J. W.), Zina Goodell, C. B. Snow, A. Countryman, Stephen Ward, John W. Wheeler, E. D. Moore, Amos Cheney, Thomas Barry, P. C. Tyler, D. Pomroy, C. W. Barber, Wm. R. Ball and W. C. Gould. Returnable in September 1860.

November 22th, to John Cutler Lodge, Abington, to Joseph Hutchinson (W. M.), Samuel B. Thaxter (S. W.), Micah Nash (J. W.), Freeman P. Howland, Erastus M. Nash, Lyman R. Blake, Frank F. Forsaitte, Luther Peterson, Geo. W. Reed, Franklin P. Harlow, C. G. Esterbrook and Benjamin Millet. Returnable in September 1860. This Lodge is named for our Grand Master at the time of the union in 1792.

November 24th, to United Brethren Lodge, Marlborough, to Alexander C. Felton (W. M.), Burleigh Morse (S. W.), Jabez S. Witherbee (J. W.), Thomas Coney, Samuel J. M. Weston, Martin Dodman, Jr., J. M. Farwell, C. F. Morse, Sylvester Bucklin, Asa Lewis, W. H. Marsten, Samuel Chipman and Jonah Howe. Returnable in September 1860.

December 7th, to Quinebaug Lodge, Southbridge, to S. A. Drake, Chester A. Dresser, Samuel Harrington, Samuel Goodier, Warren Marsh, Levi Bartlett, Purlin S. Turner, George Hanson, Enoch Cox, Emory L. Bates, Perry L. Goodell and Samuel Hartwell. Returnable in December 1860. The name is that of a river in Southbridge. To members of this Lodge belongs the credit of restoring the charter and records of the old Doric Lodge, which our late D. D. G. Master of the 6th District labored so hard to obtain.

December 22d, to Hammatt Lodge, East Boston, to Elisha J. Cleveland (W. M.), Samuel L. Fowle (S. W.), John G. Hazlett (J. W.), Martin Adams, William McLarty, Hezekiel Mayo, Eli C. Wood, Geo. B. Fowle, Joseph W. Thompson, George Butts, William Constant, James M. McLarty, George H. Wiggin, Henry T. Bateman, Edwin Butts, L. Goldenburg and Jerome V. C. Smith. Returnable in December 1860. This Lodge is named in honor of John B. Hammatt, Esq., who has done eminent service in the cause of Masonry and was Deputy Grand Master in 1844.

Those of the petitioners for new Lodges who had not a perfect knowledge of our work, have shown a commendable desire to attain it; and have availed themselves of the services of competent authorized instructors. The duties of Lecturers are growing less and less as the officers of Lodges become qualified to teach. On the foundation of Lodges of instruction, according to a plan that I suggested on a former occasion, the services of a Lecturer will not be often required. In November last, I empowered Bro. George W. Cromb, Jr., to lecture in the Fourth District. His qualifications were satisfactorily recommended, and I doubt not his labors will be productive of much good in the sphere in which he will act.

To the permanent Grand Lecturers the fraternity are under deep

obligations for the fidelity with which they have discharged their duty. Their strict adherence to the letter of the work and lectures, and courteous readiness to impart the knowledge of them, entitle them to receive my warmest approbation. The Senior Lecturer, owing to many other Masonic engagements sufficiently arduous for his declining years, has been desirous for a long time to retire from the station of lecturer; but upon my earnest solicitation he has yielded his wishes to mine, and continued to serve us to the present time. The accuracy, dignity and propriety which characterize his teachings, induced me to urge him to continue in the service, especially as a high standard of lecturing seemed to me to be peculiarly necessary at a time when extraordinary efforts were making to introduce the work and lectures in their purity into every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

The following Charters have been issued by authority of the Grand Lodge the past year:—

Quaboag Lodge, Warren. Date of Charter, March 9th, 1859. Constituted, March 21st, 1859. D. Warren Shepard, W. M.; Wm. M. Ward, S. W.; Dwight Ellis, J. W.

Henry Price Lodge, Charlestown. Date of Charter, June 8th, 1859. Constituted, June 22d, 1859. G. Washington Warren, W. M.; Wm. N. Lane, S. W.; Francis W. Hurd, J. W.

Montacule Lodge, Worcester. Date of Charter, June 9th, 1859. Constituted, June 28th, 1859. William A. Smith, W. M.; Geo. W. W. Bentley, S. W.; Jas. H. Osgood, J. W.

Trinity Lodge, Clinton. Date of Charter, September 6th, 1859. Constituted, September 21st, 1859. Henry Bowman, W. M.; A. A. Burditt, S. W.; Daniel Marsh, J. W. The Lodge will hold the records and charter of old Trinity Lodge subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

Webster Lodge, Webster. Date of Charter, September 6th, 1859. Constituted, September 22d, 1859. C. E. Brown, W. M.; W. Hetherington, S. W.; George O. Raymond, J. W.

Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, South America. Date of Charter, December 14th, 1859. To be constituted by R. W. Charles T. Ward, Jr., Special Deputy. Members, Edmund Kendall, Enrique Beger, Emilio G. Bieche, S. H. Thomas, Rafael Valdez, Joseph Brower, John G. Reay, H. Haessler, A. C. Brower, Edward Squires, John S. Abel, H. M. Gaillard, I. M. Gonzales, John Leverett, William Gotshalk and G. H. Stevenson.

Southern-Cross Lodge, Valparaiso, South America. Date of Charter, December 15, 1859. To be constituted by Special Deputy. Members, Charles T. Ward, Jr., C. S. Rand, Charles Waechter, N. H. Brum, David Ross, Jr., W. C. Biggs, E. K. Cook, W. L. Holson and Dr. Sawyer.

Bristol Lodge, Attleboro. The Charter of this Lodge has been restored to Brethren in that town, agreeably to a vote of the Grand Lodge, passed at the quarterly communication in September last.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge, West Dennis, has become incorporated with *Mt. Horeb Lodge*, at West Harwich, by authority of the Grand Lodge. The union of these two Lodges will be beneficial to the members of both; and where there were before two feeble societies, there will now be one capable of much usefulness.

One Lodge has failed two successive years to pay into the Grand Treasury, the fees required of it by our regulations. The reasons assigned for this delinquency do not appear to me to justify it. It is worthy of serious consideration, whether a Lodge ought not to be suspended on its first omission to meet its pecuniary engagements to the Grand Lodge. A Lodge has no right to appropriate moneys required of the Grand Lodge on initiates as the dues of that body, to any purpose of its own, whatever; they should be set aside immediately on receiving them, and be kept ready for transmission to the Grand Treasurer. They are in no sense the property of the Lodge, and cannot be converted to its use without a violation of the rights of others.

Several complaints have been made to me of late of the violation of one Lodge Jurisdiction by another Lodge in the matter of receiving candidates. The Constitutions are very clear on this subject, and the Executive has ample power to deal with such violations as will correct them, if exercised. I refer to the subject only to remind Lodges of that comity which should exist between them in this particular.

A short time since I received information—unofficial—that one of our Lodges had trespassed on the rights of the Grand Lodge of California, by making a Mason of a citizen of that State, in derogation of our own laws and subversive of those friendly relations which should exist between two Masonic Grand Bodies. The attention of the Master of the Lodge having been called to the charge against it, it promptly did all in its power to make honorable reparation.

The whole number of Lodges in this Jurisdiction is now one hundred and ten—one hundred chartered, and ten working under dispen-

sations. The number of members, Sept. 1, 1859, was 6741; and that of initiates for the year ending Sept. 1, 1859, 1188.

The number of members on the 1st Sept., 1856, was 4588; so that during the three succeeding years, the increase was 2153.

During the three years preceding Sept. 1, 1859, thirtytwo hundred and thirtyone (3231) were initiated, namely,

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| 1857, 1 ^o September 1st, | 1092 |
| 1858, " " 1st, | 951 |
| 1859, " " 1st, | 1188 |
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| | 3231 |

The foregoing figures show that, whilst we have initiated 3231 persons, the membership of the Lodges has increased only 2153, making the difference of 1078. After allowing for deaths and removals beyond our borders, there still remains a large number of initiates who have not connected themselves with Lodges as members. Why is this so? Is the fault theirs or ours? May it not be owing to our requiring of them to fraternize with those who stand in bad repute in general society? In my opinion, nine-tenths of the non-affiliation complained of so generally in the United States, are occasioned by the unworthiness of so many members whose presence repels that of better men to the great injury of our institution.

During the past year a history of Corinthian Lodge, at Concord, has been published. It is a carefully prepared and a most interesting work. The author, W. Bro. Louis A. Surette, merits commendation for the fidelity with which he has accomplished his task. This Lodge was constituted in 1797. I would suggest that the example of Bro. Surette is worthy of imitation by members of other Lodges, especially of those whose existence extends over a quarter of a century or more. The history of subordinate Lodges must necessarily contain information of interest beyond the sphere to which they chiefly relate; and are, therefore, to be commended as contributors to the general history of the institution of Masonry.

Before retiring from the distinguished position, with which, through your favor, I have been so long honored, permit me to express to you my warmest thanks for the cordial support you have given me in the discharge of my duties. During the three years I have occupied the chair, my intercourse with the Lodges, their officers and members, has been extensive and intimate, and I am happy to bear testimony to the truly Masonic spirit and loyalty pervading the entire jurisdiction. And I would congratulate the Brethren of Massachusetts that they are so

have in my successor, one who brings with him the experience of past service in this office;—one whose time and talents have been so freely devoted to the promotion of the usefulness and honor of Freemasonry.

The ceremonies of Installation then took place as follows :—

1. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

2. Installation of the new Grand Master by his predecessor; who, in turn, installed all the remaining elected Officers, and announced the following

APPOINTMENTS:

- R. W. Hon. J. V. C. Smith, M. D., of Boston, Deputy Grand Master.
 " Joel Spalding, M. D., of Lowell, Senior Grand Warden.
 " Wm. D. Coolidge, of West Newton, Junior Grand Warden.
 " Thomas Tolman, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.
 " Chas. W. Moore, of Boston, Recording Grand Secretary.
 " Wm. W. Wheelton, of Charlestown, Cor. Grand Secretary.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., of Springfield, } Grand Chaplains.
 " E. M. P. Wells, D. D., of Boston, }
 " Wm. W. Baker, of Boston, G. Marshal.
 " John McClellan, of Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
 " Peter Wainwright, of Boston, Junior Grand Deacon.
 " Peter C. Jones, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " Jesse P. Pattee, of West Cambridge, }
 " Richard M. Barker, of Boston, } Grand Stewards.
 " W. D. Stratton, of Melrose, }
 " E. P. Graves, of Greenfield, }
 " Chas. A. Davis, M. D., of Chelsea, } Grand Pursuivants.
 " Lovell Bicknell, of Weymouth, }
 " Benjamin F. Nourse, of Cambridge, } Grand Lecturers.
 " Isaac P. Seavey, of Boston, }
 Bro. Irving L. Harwood, of Boston, Grand Organist.
 " Samuel H. Gregory, of Boston, Grand Chorister.
 " Eben F. Gay, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Benjamin Dean, of Boston, | District No. 1. |
| " Gen. Wm. Sutton, of South Danvers, | " No. 2. |
| " Wm. S. Gardner, of Lowell, | " No. 3. |
| " Daniel W. Taft, of Blackstone, | " No. 4. |
| " Z. L. Bicknell, of Weymouth, | " No. 5. |
| " John A. Dana, of Worcester, | " No. 6. |
| " James M. Cook, of Taunton, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, of Springfield, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, of Holyoke, | " No. 10. |
| " C. B. Rogers, of Charlestown, | " No. 11. |
| " Sanford M. Hunt, of Roxbury, | " No. 12. |
| " C. T. Ward, Special Deputy for Chili, S. America. | |

The foregoing officers were then briefly installed by the Grand Master, and after the usual proclamation, W. Bro. Wyzeman Marshal read an appropriate Original Ode, written for the occasion by W. Brother John K. Hall. A benediction closed the ceremonies.

The new Grand Master then delivered the following excellent and appropriate

A D D R E S S :

Again, my Brethren, you have conferred on me the highest honor in your power to bestow, an honor which any one might well covet, but one, by me, neither solicited nor desired.

Three years have passed since I vacated this high position,—one, which requires great devotion of time, and much more of Masonic ability and general intelligence, than in me lies.

To what then am I indebted for this reiterated manifestation of your kindness, and appreciation of any fitness for the duties of the chair of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts? I answer, that it is solely to an unwavering devotion of so many years ; to zeal and not to any wisdom, am I your debtor for this renewed evidence of your kind partiality. This expression is a most ample offset for all I ever have done, or shall ever do, to promote your interest.

Still the burden imposed by that kindness is not light, nor the satisfactory performance of the duties easy to be rendered, considering the position now twice assigned me ; for I labor under the disadvantage now, as when I first was placed in the East of the Grand Lodge of this State. I have had two immediate predecessors of no ordinary abilities. The first, the accomplished scholar, the eloquent speaker, the profound reasoner, our distinguished Brother Rev. Dr. G. M. Randall, and now I follow the administration of one, whose untiring efforts have resulted in so much of good to the whole jurisdiction ; whose financial ability has been so successfully manifested in your behalf, and who now retires with the warm approbation and gratitude of every Mason of Massachusetts. With such antecedents, then, such luminaries, my feeble light must be but dim, and whatever of success may attend my labors, will be the result of the association with those able officers, who have been selected by your judgment to constitute the organization for the ensuing year.

The details of the condition of our Order in Massachusetts, of all

that relates to its finances and statistics, have been most fully laid before you by him, who is so intimately acquainted with everything relating thereto. Nothing has been left untouched by him, who has penetrated in every nook and corner of our history. He has harvested all, and the field is barren to his successor—not a blade is left, his sickle is useless, and all is gleaned of value and interest.

But there is a subject of general interest to the Fraternity of the United States, which I recommend to the particular consideration of this Body, one which has been urged on the attention of all the Grand Lodges by a circular issued from an organization, commenced last September, at Chicago, under the name of "North American Masonic Congress." It is endeavoured by this Body, to organize a representation from the Grand Lodges of the Union, somewhat similar to that from Grand Chapters and Encampments; that it shall hold triennial meetings, discuss Masonic Laws, Principles and Action, &c., but that their determinations shall have no mandatory or obligatory power, save that which may be effected by the force of public opinion, based on the prestige of this organized representation from all Grand Lodges.

Whether or not such a power may not be exerted, coming from a combination, so as to give its actions the dignity almost of a law, is a subject for your grave consideration.

The formation of a General Grand Lodge is one which has been discussed from the period when these United States became independent, and Gen. Washington was proposed as General Grand Master. It has never met the approval of this Body—ever jealous of its dignity and rights.

Still, no one will be disposed to question the kindly result, if the representatives of Master Masons, of this the great mass of Masons, could meet together, cultivate the courtesies and love of Brotherhood (without deciding the laws, landmarks and constitutions of Freemasonry) and thus effect that union of heart, which is our profession.

Freemasonry is a great conservative link in that chain which should entwine the North, South, East and West, and if ever that most disastrous hour should come, when we must separate as fellow-citizens of a once glorious Union, the last tie to give way will be that strong, well-forged link, which now bands together the Freemasons of the United States as Brothers and citizens.

It is now more than sixteen years ago, that a committee of which your now presiding officer was chairman, made a report of which the following is an extract:—

"Your committee agree that the assembling of the delegates from

the Grand Lodges from every section of the wide domain of these States, must be, of itself, productive of great advantages to the whole Fraternity. The opportunity of interchanging sentiments among delegates, selected for their general and Masonic intelligence, will tend much to strengthen and expand the feelings of that philanthropy, which is the profession as well as the practice of Masonry. If unity of action and ceremonial should not be the consequence of the deliberations of that Body, at least, it will have produced unity of soul and heart, and thus their labors shall not have been in vain." The subject is now left for your consideration. There are obstacles which may be perhaps impossible to surmount. You have some brilliant exemplifications of what may be effected by Brothers living locally distant, being brought together, where differences and politics, religion, profession and station are laid on the altar of the heart, and these divinities forgotten; for in spite of all the Rochefoucaults who have libelled humanity, in spite of all the cynics who have snarled at its character, the tendency of the knowledge of our fellow-men, is to make us love mankind. The more extensive our knowledge of human nature is, the better acquainted we make ourselves among ourselves, the greater will be the indulgence towards the errors of our species, and the more will our affections become enlarged. Recall an event of the past year for an illustration. May we not all most truthfully say, do we not all feel, that the visit of our Virginia Brethren here, and the thrilling, warm-hearted, unbounded hospitality of all Richmond extended to us there has left such an impress on the hearts of all, that the recollection of this shall never die, that it will temper the asperities of the present and ever bind together now as in the times gone by, the Old Bay State and the Old Dominion.

A movement has recently been made for the "endowment of a National Institution for the maintenance and education of the widows and orphans of American Freemasons," and a Brother from Washington, at the communication of this Grand Lodge on the 14th inst., presented the views of those, who were interested and had taken the initiative in the design.

Surely the motives which prompted, the interest manifested, and the ulterior results anticipated from such an organization, if successful, will meet the hearty approval of an Order professing the practice of an enlarged philanthropy. But I have interposed the doubting word "if" as an indicative of a distrust of an eventual success. Our Lodges, as associated bodies, do not possess funds sufficient to meet such demands. Their little store can only supply the local claimants on their

bounty, on the destitute around them, who have the first claim for relief. In our individual relation as Brothers, it is hoped, we may freely distribute to a cause like the one proposed, and we trust, that our hearts as such, may be opened to its aid. Wishing God-speed to the fruition of the hopes of those who have espoused this undertaking, I leave this matter for your further consideration.

The Reports of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States, with few exceptions, are presented in an extended form, and are voluminous documents, especially when contrasted with the few pages which emanate from this Body, and contain the names of the members of subordinate Lodges and other matters perhaps of no general interest. They also embrace the Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence, which in my opinion, embody much that is valuable and important to be known by all well informed Masons, who are interested or should be in the condition of this widely-extended organization. Except through such a medium as these Committees, how can the Brethren of this jurisdiction know of what is transpiring elsewhere? How can they be enlightened on the Masonic Jurisprudence of the several States, and on their views on questions which relate to this important subject? Might it not be well for us to present annually a resumé from the annals of Freemasonry everywhere? At least, is it not a topic worthy of your consideration?

Very recently, our institution has lost by death, one of its most exalted votaries, one who has occupied some of the highest social positions of life, and loftier still, the respect of his fellow-citizens and the love and gratitude of his Brothers in Freemasonry. Full of years, full of honors, in the ripeness of a well-spent life, he has gone to take his place among the good above; for when the body of our Brother, the late Gov. Robert P. Dunlap, was committed to the earth, all felt the blessed assurance, that the spirit was in Heaven. It is appropriate that this Grand Lodge should notice this bereavement, as our late distinguished Brother, was a member of the Order previous to the separation of Maine from Massachusetts,—also District Deputy of this jurisdiction, and as many now among us were proud to claim him as their friend and associate.

During the past year, at the request of the Pilgrim Society, the Corner Stone of a Monument to be erected to the memory of our fathers, was laid with Masonic ceremonies by the officers of this Body; and to further the object, that Society look with expectation to the assistance of our Fraternity here and throughout our land. As individuals, I commend it to your liberality, as descendants of those who on that

bleak shore, raised their altars to civil and religious liberty. To the associated bodies, who have ought to bestow from any surplusage of funds I commend this enterprise. It will be a testimonial of their patriotism. It will aid a superstructure consecrated by Masons, by your own Grand Lodge.

The accession of members has been so unprecedented, that the necessary labors of the Lodge have left no intervals for the improvement of members in the lectures, or to allow of such social communion as is necessary to form the primary acquaintance, which among us, should ripen to intimate friendship. Thus even prosperity has its evils. Our institution is now under the fostering approbation of public opinion, and with this prestige, great numbers are seeking admission. Is there a remedy needed for this plethora? Is it a diseased condition, requiring a remedy? I am not prepared to say that there is any indication to that effect. It is not in our power to prevent applications. Any man, provided he possesses the pre-requisitions, can present himself as a candidate for reception. Our portals are not barred to any such. If found worthy, they are, or should be, received. Now, what should constitute that worth? That is the great question to determine, and it is at least questionable whether that standard has been of a sufficiently elevated character. Too many are received on qualifications wholly negative. Committees report nothing against the applicant; his moral character is unblemished, he is honest, temperate, truthful, &c. &c. All this allowed, shall such be received? Certainly not. Cannot each one of you here assembled, call up some, within the sphere of your acquaintance, who, with all the requisites thus detailed, are deficient in the heart's best feelings, the heart's best actions—and in addition, the mind's cultivation; whose hands grasp the sordid pelf without ever opening to the plea of charity and benevolence, whose minds are as barren as their hearts; men whose souls soar not above their pockets. Of such you may call Masons by name, but their nature is earthy, and earthy it will remain. They are nothingarians in Masonry—"Haut nominis umbræ" Prefer the charitable, uneducated solicitor for your suffrages, to the accomplished but pernicious seeker for admission.

On the subject of admission, there is one more remark which I feel compelled to make, which I do with pain.

There is a difficulty as to the reception of some, who would add increased dignity and respectability to the Order, but whose social position in life, strange to assert, would be the cause of their rejection; for no man, for instance, placed in a high official station, can fail to have his enemies; no man who has made himself conspicuous by the ad-

vocacy of sentiments calculated to affect the community, can make himself acceptable to all. Therefore he, who is almost unknown, and even illiterate, can more readily pass our portals, than the refined, the learned, the public man. I speak this with regret, but from the fact, and some recent instances have strengthened my convictions of its truth. In some of our largest bodies, committees have reported warmly in favor of applicants, and their reports sanctioned and confirmed by nearly all present, and still one has been found willing to place his personal pique against the united wishes of all his Brethren; to place a seal of condemnation on one, obviously from purely selfish considerations alone. Such a one may shake the prosperity of a Lodge, and undermine its prospects, would indulge his petty malice, irrespective of its wicked consequence, lost to all the considerations which should actuate the true man, more especially the true Mason.

Every year an invitation has been received from some subordinate Lodge, requesting the presence of the officers of this Grand Lodge, on the festival of the 24th of June, which has usually been accepted.

The proper observance of that day should be preserved by all Masons, but might it not be effected by less open manifestation? by less public show? The Grand Lodge should not be called on to leave the respective bodies of which its officers are members, in order to present itself as an addition to a public show. The more unobtrusive as a fraternity, the more we keep ourselves within our own precincts, the better. On no occasion, save an imperative Masonic one, should the Order be seen in public, and it is to be hoped, that this expression of the opinion of the Chair, may be considered as a sufficient indication of his individual judgment, only to be overruled by the wishes of the majority constituting his advisers.

One more remark ere closing this imperfect address, one dictated by truth, and one most agreeable to my feelings to announce. During my previous administration, Germania Lodge was chartered, though not without considerable opposition from some of the most eminent of our Order; with the sincerest satisfaction, it can now be thus openly stated, and in justice to the members of that Lodge it should be done, that there is not in Massachusetts one, more orderly, better disciplined, or which fulfils the high mission of a Lodge more satisfactorily than this band of our Teutonic Brethren.

Once more we are gathered together under our own roof. These Halls of Masonry are ours. May they be sanctified by its influences and teachings. Here may Brotherly love be engendered and perpetuated. May the good and the true be added to its numbers, and all who

shall here receive Light, find it not in vain, that they have sought the communion of that venerable Order, whose grand characteristics are unwearied zeal in a Brother's cause and universal benevolence. And, can I better close these few remarks, than in the language of one of the most ardent and pious of our departed members :

"Supreme Architect of all worlds! Vouchsafe to accept our services to the glory of thy holy name! Make these walls salvation, and its arch praise! May the Brethren who shall here assemble, meet in unity, work in love, and part in harmony! May Fidelity keep the door, Faith prompt the duties, Hope animate the labors, and Charity diffuse the blessings of the Order. May Wisdom and Virtue distinguish the Fraternity, and Masonry become glorious in all the earth."

The Grand Lodge was then closed at quarter past 9 o'clock, when a procession was formed of those Brethren who had provided themselves with tickets, and repaired to the Banquet Hall, where the "Annual Feast" was celebrated "according to Ancient Masonic usage."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 3d, 1859.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD, *Grand Master of Mas'ns in Massachusetts.*

The close of our official relations brings with it the pleasure of again communicating with you, and the duty of reporting on the state of the District with which it has been my happiness to be brought into such pleasant connexion for the past three years. I thank you, sir, for the repeated opportunities your re-appointments have afforded me of strengthening the bonds of fraternal Brotherhood, and of forming many lasting friendships; and I close my official relations with this District with the wish and prayer that "health, plenty and peace" may continue to abound among them.

I am most happy to say that prosperity and harmony prevail in the First Masonic District, and that while in the community around us every subject of thought seems to be intensified, it is refreshing to witness the effect of the conservative principles of our Order on the minds of our Brethren, bringing in its train calm thought, common sense, and enlightened judgment to guide their decisions.

It is a source of gratification to bear my testimony to the prompt liberality of the Brethren in every case of deserving need, from the ample treasuries of our Lodges, and the warm hearts of our Brothers: the aged have been comforted, the blind relieved, and the injunctions of "pure and undefiled religion" have been carried out.

The effect of the late vote whereby the fees to the Grand Lodge were reduced, will show a great falling off in its revenues, the return of this important District being only four hundred and seventyone dollars (\$471), but the Brethren of this District will be among the first to correct this position, if it be found that the happiness or usefulness of the Grand Lodge is abridged thereby.

The Lodges in this District are in the enjoyment of ample and commodious Lodge rooms—the one now near completion in Brighton is another evidence of the liberality of the Brethren, and the love they bear to this ancient and honored institution; and the Lodges in the city will

soon be in the enjoyment of the ample accommodations of Freemasons' Hall. Truly, "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage," a grateful trust should be the prevailing sentiment of our hearts, that we have been thus guided and blest, inciting in us greater efforts for the promotion of the honor, the usefulness and the happiness of our beloved institution, and developing in each Brother's heart and life, greater fidelity to ourselves, to humanity, and to God.

And now, Sir, in closing, let me congratulate you, on your retirement from office, on the prosperity and harmony which characterizes the Lodges in this jurisdiction. It must be the source of the greatest happiness to you, that at the close of a most efficient administration, you bear with you the respect and love of all who have been officially and so intimately associated with you.

With my best wishes for your continued happiness,

I am, most respectfully and fraternally,

Your friend and Brother,

WM. D. COOLIDGE, D. D. G. M. 1st District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Newburyport, Dec. 10, 1859.

J. T. HEARD, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts—

MY DEAR SIR—I take pleasure in presenting to your consideration the following Report of the Lodges composing the Second Masonic District, which you have been pleased to continue under my care the past year.

The general condition of nearly all the Lodges throughout the District at the Annual visitation, gave good evidence of the progress made the past year over that of previous ones. Several which had heretofore evinced a great lack of skill, and proper discernment in the discharge of their various duties and responsibilities, have assumed a new and highly gratifying position, by which they are enabled to rightfully execute their duties consonant to the high standard of Masonic rule. Nor is it less observable in the entire District, that each Lodge has (unless a single exception be named) endeavored to preserve, with scrupulous caution, the elevated character of its members, by a close and persevering scrutiny into the merits of each new applicant.

The amount of work performed the past year, in its aggregate, is twenty per cent less, in comparison with that of several previous years. This has been, in one sense, beneficial to the Lodges, by giving the Brethren leisure, and enlarged opportunities for improvement in the lectures of the several degrees, which some of them, I am pleased to say, have not failed to appreciate with profit. This has necessarily produced a greater degree of harmony and good fellowship among the Craft, and while such a true and noble effort is kept alive, all discord will be banished from among them.

The past year has been characterized among us for the good fruits of a true spirit of concord, both amid the trials and perplexities without, as well as in the trivial conflicting scenes which have at times arisen within the Lodge, and which have been most amicably adjusted by the noble contention of "who best can work and best agree."

A majority of the Lodges continue the weekly lecture meetings for instruction, which were established about two years since, and they are attended with good success. Their standard in the ritual is a close approximation to the authorized Work of the Grand Lodge.

The number of initiates received, eightytwo; rejections, thirteen; expulsions, two; dispensations granted, eight. This includes all the Lodges except St. Mark's, at Newburyport, which has been delinquent in its returns the past two years; the number of its initiates within thattime, I infer, cannot be less than *twentyfive*.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. SEAVEY, D. D. G. M. of the 2d M. District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having again finished the duties devolving on me in the appointment with which you honored me, by visiting all the Lodges in the District, and making the returns to the Grand Lodge, a brief review of their state may afford a satisfaction to those interested in the prosperity of our honorable institution.

St. Paul's Lodge, Groton. Last year this Lodge was reported in a prosperous and growing condition. Since my last report a new Lodge has been established at Groton Junction (working under dispensation). This may have had the effect in some measure to prevent the increase of St. Paul's Lodge—yet those remaining are mostly tried veterans in

the cause and will ensure its stability, while the known skill and devotedness of their elected Master and other officers, will be a sufficient guaranty of the correctness of their work. Three have been initiated the past year.

Corinthian Lodge, Concord. This Lodge continues in about the same state as at my last report—but little work having been done for two years past. Two have been initiated the last year. The officers of the Lodge are well selected—and by meeting and lecturing in the Lodge as well as attending the Lodge of instruction in Boston, keep familiar with the work and lectures, and hold themselves in readiness to work whenever it may be required.

Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg, is still in a thriving condition, and deservedly stands high among the Lodges in the district. This Lodge is moderately increasing its numbers by initiation of that class which will support the honor and reputation of the institution. Here too they have frequent meetings for lecturing and by this means keep up the standard of work for which they have long had the reputation.

Merrimac Lodge, Haverhill, continues in its steady course and maintains an honorable position among the Lodges in this section. Its membership is large and composed of many of the most prominent men in the place. Their Hall is large and elegantly furnished, it being one of the best in the State, and their order and decorum in business are worthy of example. Five have been initiated the past year. With all their advantages they need but few additions to maintain their rank and this will prove a check to the admission of unworthy applicants through a too ardent desire to increase their numbers. The work in the Lodge is good, the officers being well instructed according to the established method of the Grand Lodge.

Pentucket Lodge, Lowell, has been regularly advancing and the number of initiates nearly the same every year since the restoration of its charter. It has the largest membership in the district, and present appearances indicate that the number of initiates this year will equal that of past years.

St. Matthew's Lodge, Andover. Since particular mention of this Lodge has been made, a new, spacious Hall has been procured, and furnished in a neat and tasteful style, affording excellent accommodations. The growth of this Lodge is slow—four only having been initiated the past year—yet there is sufficient reason to believe that under the management of its present efficient Master and other officers the stability of the Lodge may be relied upon.

Grecian Lodge, Lawrence. The prosperity of this Lodge has equaled

that of any in this District. Large accessions have been made yearly, and it now stands second in point of numbers. The work has been good and justly merits approval. Sixteen have been initiated the past year.

Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, still merits its high standing. Regular and constant additions are made to its number from the highest classes in the community. The present officers are thoroughly skilled in the work, and prompt in the discharge of their duty. One marked feature in the management of this Lodge, and worthy of imitation, is the careful selection of officers, even of the lowest rank, of such as will fill the chair with honor when in due course they may reach it.

Excelsior Lodge, Groton Junction, (working under a Dispensation) has commenced its operations under the most favorable circumstances. Located in a thriving village, with every prospect of a large and rapid increase, and having connected with it a large portion of the most estimable business men of the place, who in their own commanding position must exert a favorable influence. In addition to this the judicious selection of officers whose known skill, care, and capacity to govern the same, must ensure its success. Thirteen have been initiated.

Having endeavored to discharge the duties of District Deputy under your appointment for three successive years, I desire to express to you the pleasure and satisfaction the opportunity has afforded me in visiting the different Lodges and extending my acquaintance among the brotherhood, which, with the cordial reception I have met, will be treasured among the most agreeable events of my life.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, with my best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity.

Yours, most truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NORTH,

Dist. Deputy of the 3d Masonic District.

Lowell, Dec. 1, 1859.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mass.—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having completed the duties annexed to the office of D. D. G. Master, District No. 4, for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1859, I respectfully submit the following Report:—

Once or more times, during the year, I have visited all the Lodges in this District. Most of my visits were very pleasant. They receiv-

ed me very courteously ; treated me honorably, and listened attentively to such remarks as I thought it necessary to make. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to particularize the several Lodges, as you were informed by my former report of their then particular state—their present is about the same as then—they have rather improved in their work. Blackstone River, Montgomery and Franklin Lodges do their work and business of the Lodge well ; Solomon's Temple has improved ; Olive Branch is not yet perfect. All express a desire to comply with the instructions of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient customs and usages of the Order. All have been punctual in making their annual returns and paying the Grand Lodge dues, which I have forwarded to the Grand Treasurer.

Montgomery, at Milford, has instructed seventeen ; Blackstone River, eleven ; Franklin, at Grafton, eight ; Solomon's Temple, at Uxbridge, three ; Olive Branch, at Sutton, three—in all fortytwo. Webster, at Webster, working under Dispensation, fifteen, (I believe.)

Initiated in this District during the year, fiftyseven. Harmony generally prevails among the several Lodges and Brethren of this District.

Yours, Fraternally,
Grafton, November, 1859.

LEVI RAWSON,
D. D. G. Master, No. 4.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Randolph, 15th Dec., 1859.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR—The Fifth Masonic District, entrusted specially to my charge, by your appointment, for the year 1859, extends over a large territory, requiring much time and labor, faithfully to perform the duties of Dist. Dep. G. Master. The watchman upon the sea-wall, however, reports "All is well."

I regret that other positive requirements have prevented me from discharging the whole duty of the office so exact as its importance requires. On the faithfulness of the District Deputies, depends, in my judgment, a large share of the real success of the Institution. Not how much work, but how well that work is performed, is the true and only test of its healthy condition. I have personally visited six of the eight Lodges composing the fifth District, and one by proxy, during the year, and am most happy to report, so far as the work is concerned,

without exception. I have found it strictly in conformity with that approved by the Grand Lodge. The Lodges, in regard to their pecuniary matters, are in good condition. Those who have been admitted to the degrees, as far as my information extends, are worthy of the distinguished honor—"men of good report and well recommended." The records, in most cases, are well and neatly kept, regular meetings promptly attended, good order strictly observed, presiding officers in every Lodge entirely competent and sustained by competent Wardens, and the Constitution and edicts of the Grand Lodge strictly observed, with two exceptions.

Plymouth Lodge, at Plymouth, is not without fault in this most important particular. They claim the right, and are disposed to persist in it, that their "jurisdiction knows no bounds," relying upon the spirit of the law, as they say and not the letter; claiming that convenience of location is more to be regarded than distance, and though Corner Stone Lodge, at Duxbury, may be nearer the residence of the applicant than Plymouth, the travel by railroad to Plymouth is so much more comfortably performed, than the shorter distance by carriage to Duxbury, that the Grand Lodge could not reasonably object. "The end sanctifies the means." No argument, however specious or potential, can justify the violation of a well known law of the Grand Lodge.

Again, another edict of the Grand Lodge is disregarded by this Lodge—requiring one month to intervene between the conferring of the several degrees. The law is construed to mean, that due proficiency in the preceding degrees is all that the "spirit of the law" requires before advancement. This argument, like the former, is fallacious. The laws of the Grand Lodge are disregarded, and the first principles of the Order subverted.

The other case is Orphan's Hope Lodge, at Weymouth. I am happy to say that this Lodge is in a most flourishing condition, made up of "good men and true." Yet one thing is still wanting—a strict adherence to Masonic law. They too receive members from the jurisdiction of the neighboring Lodges, to a very considerable extent. Norfolk Union Lodge, at Randolph, and Rural Lodge, at Quincy, complain, with good cause, of their Brethren of Orphan's Hope Lodge in this particular. Several transgressions of this kind are said to have occurred in the town of Braintree alone, within the jurisdiction of other Lodges. Discord, it is feared, will result from this poaching in their neighbor's territory. It is the right of the Grand Lodge to require strict obedience to its Constitution, By-Laws and Edicts, by its subordinates, as well as every individual member of the

Fraternity ; and it is the duty of all these to obey without "any equivocation." It is also the duty of the Grand Lodge to require such obedience ; otherwise "harmony will not continue to be the strength and support" of our ancient and noble institution. Obey the laws, while they exist ; repeal them, if oppressive.

The whole number initiated during the year, in the Fifth Masonic District, is eightytwo, and the amount of contributions to the funds of the Grand Lodge is two hundred and ninetyfour dollars.

Permit me, M. W. Grand Master, before resigning my office, to congratulate you upon your brilliant administration as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. No predecessor of yours in that office has performed the amount of labor which you have. None have, or could have, done it better. None have manifested more sincerely an abiding interest in the prosperity of our ancient institution. No one has retired from that office at the end of his constitutional term, who carries with him the confidence of his Brethren in a greater degree, and no one has deserved it more, in the opinion of your friend socially and fraternally.

BRADFORD L. WALES,

D. D. G. M. of the 5th Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master.*

It has been my pleasure during the past year to visit all the Lodges in the sixth District, and with one exception, to inspect some part of the work in each.

I have the satisfaction to report that all are in good condition, and that each has made some progress, in the right direction during the last year ; this is true of some of them in a marked degree.

The three Lodges which have been constituted during the past year in this District, have won for themselves much credit for the zeal they have manifested, and the high rank they have taken among the Lodges of this District as good working Lodges.

As the result of my observation derived from my visits during the year, I am satisfied that all that is wanted to put our Lodges in a high position, is a more frequent recourse to the assistance of the Lecturers of the Grand Lodge.

This matter has been too much neglected by the Lodges, not from a failure on their part to appreciate the advantages to be derived from this source entirely, but in some instances I have no doubt it may be

occasioned by the expense which attends the procuring of the attendance and labors of Lecturers.

To remedy in some degree this state of things I would beg leave to suggest, whether it might not be found for the good of our Lodges to make it their duty, that each Lodge appropriate some part of their receipts each year for this purpose, and that the Grand Lodge take some action in this matter. And should any of our Lodges be unable to incur the expense, that the same be met from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

It is but justice to you, to acknowledge that the present prosperity our Lodges are now enjoying is in a very great degree due to the active interest you have taken in this behalf during your administration.

In closing this report, as you are about to retire from the office you have for the past three years filled with so much honor to yourself and usefulness to the fraternity, permit me to assure you that you will carry with you the best wishes of all our hearts for your future happiness and prosperity, and a grateful remembrance of your faithful labors for our loved Institution. I have the honor to be, with sincere esteem,

Fraternally yours,

JOHN A. DANA,

D. D. G. M. 6th Dist.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Fairhaven, Dec., 1859.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER—

Another year having expired, it again becomes my duty to report to you the state of the Lodges composing the Seventh Masonic District. And I am pleased to inform you that harmony and prosperity prevail. There have been large accessions to our numbers the past year, (120 in the seven chartered Lodges,) but if they prove good men and true, they are heartily welcome within our portals. There is still a lack of uniformity in the work, which I hope will soon be mended, for I think there should be but one standard, and that strictly complied with. There are two Lodges under Dispensation, which have commenced under favorable circumstances, and I trust they will be useful additions to our Order.

Permit me to offer you my sincere thanks for the kindness and promptness which you have ever displayed in doing all in your power

to make the office of District Deputy Grand Master pleasant and agreeable for the three years I have had the honor of holding it.

Most respectfully and Fraternally yours,

GEORGE H. TABER, *D. D. G. M. 7th District.*

To JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.

M. W. G. Master of the G. Lodge of Mass., Boston.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Hyannis, December, 1859.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mass.—

DEAR SIR—In conformity with my duty I forward you the report of the Eighth Masonic District for your consideration.

I commence with *Union Lodge*, of Nantucket, it being the oldest Lodge in my District. There are but six older Lodges in the State in fact, its date of charter being 1771. It is in a good, healthy condition; has had fourteen initiates this last year.

Marine Lodge, of Falmouth, has had to contend, for some time, with a lack of interest in a knowledge of the ritual; but since they have had a Lecturer, a new interest has sprung up, and they are going on prosperously. They have had eleven initiates, good men and true.

King Hiram Lodge, Provincetown, pursue the even tenor of their ways; of late all going on in peace and harmony. Have had five initiations. They, as you are aware, are a little world by themselves, owing to the isolated position of that town.

Fraternal Lodge, Barnstable, continues as usual to prosper, and keeps peace and harmony within its walls. Has had twelve initiations.

Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich. There has been some little jar, but they have now settled down into a calm. All now appears to go on smoothly. Have had, four initiations.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge, West Dennis, have given up their charter and joined with Mount Horeb, on account of their being situated so near together; and there not being material sufficient for two Lodges, they thought better to have one healthy than two sickly Lodges.

De Witt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich, keeps on in a flourishing condition. All taking an interest in the affairs of the Institution, all goes well with them. Have had seven initiations.

I have recommended to all the Lodges to be more particular in being represented in the Grand Lodge, as many of those who are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, would find it beneficial to attend as often as

possible ; at any rate, the Master of the Lodge should make it a point to be at the annual meeting.

I find the Lodges in my District have made great improvement since the visit of the M. W. G. Master to the Lodges; there certainly is more interest and better work. I think the Fraternity greatly indebted to him for the interest he has manifested. May he long live to enjoy the satisfaction that he has bestowed such benefits.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

SYLVESTER BAXTER, D. D. G. M. 8th Masonic Dist.

NINTH DISTRICT.

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—A just appreciation of the honor bestowed on me by a re-appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District the past year, together with the pleasing remembrances of the fraternal interviews enjoyed in the performance of the duties incident to the appointment, remind me that it is due to you to present a succinct statement of the condition of the Lodges composing my District.

The whole number initiated during the year, in the Ninth District, was seventyfive.

The amount paid to Grand Lodge, three hundred and eightyfour dollars.

With perhaps one exception the Lodges comprising the Ninth District are progressing in usefulness and stability, having added by numbers, intelligence and strength, far in advance of former years, which served to render my visits to them peculiarly pleasant.

Without going into a minute statement of the condition of each Lodge, in my opinion the several organizations for the current year in the judicious selection of their officers, guarantees a safe and prosperous Masonic year in the Ninth District.

The condition of most of the Masonic Halls have been improved within the last two years, and with marked taste, which renders them peculiarly attractive. In this particular the members of Hampden Lodge, have contributed and expended a large amount, and have just completed a most praiseworthy remodeling of their Hall.

It is with no small degree of emotion that I close this communication, and express to you my most cordial regards for the pleasing and

fraternal associations that I have formed through the appointment, repeated, and again, of District Deputy Grand Master of this the Ninth Masonic District. And as the peculiar relations in which we have been so happily associated by the common usages of the Fraternity, close with this Masonic year, permit me to express my grateful acknowledgments.

I remain yours, most truly and fraternally,

DANIEL REYNOLDS, D. D. G. M. 9th Masonic Dist.

December 20th, 1859.

TENTH DISTRICT.

To JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts—

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER,—I have visited all the Lodges in the Tenth District during the last year, with the single exception of Bethel Lodge, at Enfield.

I regret exceedingly that I could not have had the pleasure of a visit to this lately revived Lodge, but a serious and protracted illness during the closing months of my official year rendered it impossible. I can say, however, from information obtained by conversing with members of this Lodge, that it is in a prosperous and healthy condition, and the fraternity will not suffer while its interests are confided to such estimable gentlemen and Brethren.

This has been a year of uninterrupted prosperity with all the Lodges in this District, and a harmonious spirit seems to pervade all classes and degrees of the craft.

And now, dear Sir and Brother, as you are about to vacate the chair where you have so acceptably and honorably presided for the last three years, allow me, in behalf of the Brethren of the Tenth District to return to you our thanks, and the assurance of our unqualified respect and esteem, for the active and efficient interest which you have taken in the welfare of the Fraternity during your administration.

Thanking you for the renewed honor I have received,

I remain, fraternally, your obedient Servant,

W. B. C. PEARSONS, D. D. G. M. 10th Dist.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

M. W. JOHN T. HEARD,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have found the Lodges composing the Eleventh District to be generally in a healthy and commendable condition.

The difficulty originating in the Lodge at Medford having been brought before yourself and the Grand Lodge, I do not deem it necessary to discuss in this communication.

There have been one hundred and forty-six initiates in the ten Lodges composing this District, for the year ending September 1st, 1859, and twenty-five rejections, ten of which were in one Lodge (Chelsea). This seems to be a large number, about fifteen per cent, and to some minds would indicate a careful watchfulness in keeping out all unworthy applicants, and to others a careless regard for the best interests of the institution, in allowing so many to be proposed for admission who were unworthy.

I find a difference of opinion in regard to this matter, whether it were better for a member of a Lodge to refuse, upon solicitation, to propose a person whom he thinks should not be admitted, or to offer his name for consideration and rejection, thus subjecting him to an additional difficulty, should he ever attempt to gain admission in another locality; in connection with this subject I would remark, that there appears to be so much of a desire to increase some of the Lodges in numbers, as to cause too great a leniency to be used and allowed in passing upon the qualifications of those seeking admission into our Order.

There have been two cases of the initiation of sojourners, out of this Jurisdiction, which have been brought to my notice, a statement of facts in relation to one of which is herewith transmitted, and the other will be as soon as received. I deem them of importance, as placing the members of the Lodges in the towns where they occurred, in a very unpleasant and disagreeable situation; it would be very desirable to prevent their repetition elsewhere, if it is a possible thing; whether it is best to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge or not, I submit to your judgment.

Respectfully and Fraternally your obedient Servant,

CHAS. B. ROGERS, D. D. G. M. 11th District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Boston, December 14th, 1859.

To JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

I hereby present a report of my doings under the commission with which you have honored me. It is with no small pleasure that I can refer to the harmony of action and prosperity in the "Art," which have distinguished the Lodges composing the Twelfth District, during the year past. I have found no misunderstandings nor difficulties to reconcile, and no knotty questions to decide.

Owing to the resignation of R. W. Clement A. Walker, my predecessor, in consequence of severe sickness, it became necessary that I should make some visitations and receive some returns, which belonged to his official duty in 1858. Consequently with my suite I visited Washington Lodge, Roxbury, and Union Lodge, Dorchester, early this year; also several Lodges in this city privately. I received the returns of Joseph Warren, Germania and Massachusetts Lodges, for 1858, in which there were twentyone initiates and one hundred and twentythree dollars paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Soon after the summer vacation, I began my visitations to the several Lodges under my care, and received all the returns in season to comply with the Constitutions. However—from a mistake of a regular meeting of Joseph Warren Lodge, my visitation was made since the last week in November. I was highly gratified with the style and accuracy which distinguish the work of that young and rapidly growing Lodge. I should remark, however, that their returns were kindly made to me in season. The total number of initiates for 1859 in the Twelfth District is 174, and the amount paid me and receipted for by the Grand Treasurer is \$576.

St. John's and Columbian Lodges of this city have done much work in the past year: in the first, *thirtyfour* and in the last, *thirtythree* were made Masons—men too of honorable rank and acknowledged worth among our fellow-citizens. These Lodges are ancient—their honors high and venerable in our Masonic history—and their work is worthy of their reputation.

Union Lodge, Dorchester, chartered in 1796, though more remote, and not having the advantages of frequent visits and that mutual light, which the Lodges in the city experience, yet has been admirably conducted and is in a very flourishing condition. It is a living Lodge, and is well supported by members of character, and accomplished officers.

It would afford me much pleasure to particularize the traits of excellence in each Lodge committed to my charge, but it might, perhaps, lead to invidious distinctions. The records of all were well kept and faithful, and in the returns there was not generally a large proportion of rejections—being only twentyfour in the whole. Negatives, like sharp-edged tools, require delicacy in handling; I am of opinion they should be avoided as much as possible by the caution of each Brother who signs the recommendation of the candidate for the Degrees, for a rejection may sometimes cause a bitter enemy. Yet nothing—neither fear, favor, nor hope of reward should tempt any member of a Lodge to vote for an improper or unworthy applicant.

In a written brief address, prepared with some care and reflection, it seemed to me fit, and my bounden duty, to touch upon this subject and make some advisory remarks on other matters, more especially on the importance of a severe and strict scrutiny into the qualifications of the candidate, and on the necessity of making such proficiency as neither to be an ignorant nor nominal member of the Fraternity. These remarks were kindly meant and cordially received.

It is but just to say a word touching Germania Lodge which I visited twice. Their work and lectures are altogether in the German language, but the eye and ear of any experienced Brother might easily follow and trace the general accuracy which appears. With all the disadvantages of a foreign tongue, they do well. To the members of that Lodge, living far from their native home and beloved relatives, Freemasonry must be of peculiar importance in promoting pleasing intercourse and Brotherly love—and they seem to appreciate it.

As your constitutional term of office is about expiring, accept my best wishes that length of days, prosperity and happiness may ever attend you.

I am, with great respect, fraternally yours,

JOHN H. SHEPPARD,

D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth District.

T A B L E ,

Showing the number of Initiates and Members of each Lodge in 1859,
date of Charter of each Lodge and the month in which the Election
of Officers occurs.

FIRST DISTRICT—R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, D. D. G. M.

| NAME OF LODGE. | Date of Char- ter. | Location. | Initiates from Sept. 1, 1836 to Sept. 1, 1859. | Members Sept. 1, 1859. | Officers, when elected. |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| St. Andrew's, | 1756, | Boston, | 7, | 37, | November. |
| Mount Lebanon, | 1801, | Boston, | 21, | 166, | December. |
| Amicable, | 1805, | Cambridge, | 8, | 104, | December. |
| Bethesda, | 1819, | Brighton, | 7, | 54, | December. |
| Monitor, (1846), | 1820, | Waltham, | 7, | 58, | November. |
| Mount Tabor, | 1846, | East Boston, | 16, | 175, | November. |
| Baalbec, | 1853, | East Boston, | 11, | 83, | March. |
| Winslow Lewis, | 1856, | Boston, | 24, | 51, | November. |
| Revere, | 1857, | Boston, | 26, | 73, | December. |
| Pequosette, | 1857, | Watertown, | 10, | 22, | December. |
| | | | <hr/> 137 | <hr/> 850 | |

SECOND DISTRICT—R. W. ISAAC P. SEAVEY, D. D. G. M.

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Philanthropic, | 1760, | Marblehead, | 5, | 62, | December. |
| St. John's, | 1766, | Newburyport, | 13, | 163, | March. |
| Tyrian, | 1770, | Gloucester, | 12, | 63, | November. |
| Essex, | 1779, | Salem, | 11, | 147, | December. |
| St. Mark's, | 1803, | Newburyport, | 15, | 59, | December. |
| Mount Carmel, | 1805, | Lynn, | 14, | 46, | December. |
| Jordan, | 1808, | Danvers, | 7, | 50, | November. |
| Warren, | 1822, | Ameshury, | 3, | 49, | October. |
| Liberty, | 1824, | Beverly, | 10, | 70, | December. |
| Ashler, | 1852, | Rockport, | 7, | 41, | November. |
| | | | <hr/> 97 | <hr/> 750 | |

THIRD DISTRICT—R. W. WILLIAM NORTH, D. D. G. M.

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|----------------|-------|------------|-----|------|------------|
| St. Paul's, | 1797, | Groton, | 3, | 29, | October. |
| Corinthian, | 1797, | Concord, | 2, | 46, | October. |
| Aurora, | 1801, | Fitchburg, | 9, | 75, | Septemb'r |
| Merrimack, | 1802, | Haverhill, | 5, | 110, | November. |
| Pentucket, | 1807, | Lowell, | 17, | 169, | October. |
| St. Matthew's, | 1822, | Andover, | 4, | 43, | December. |
| Grecian, | 1825, | Lawrence, | 16, | 155, | Septemb'r. |
| Ancient York, | 1853, | Lowell, | 18, | 113, | October. |
| | | | 74 | 740 | |

FOURTH DISTRICT—R. W. LEVI RAWSON, D. D. G. M.

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|-------------------|-------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|
| Montgomery, | 1797, | Milford, | 17, | 108, | December. |
| Olive Branch, | 1797, | Sutton, | 3, | 42, | October. |
| Solomon's Temple, | 1818, | Uxbridge, | 3, | 28, | November |
| Franklin, | 1852, | Grafton, | 8, | 26, | December |
| Backstone River, | 1856, | Blackstone, | 11, | 41, | November. |
| | | | 42 | 245 | |

FIFTH DISTRICT—R. W. BRADFORD L. WALES, D. D. G. M.

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|----------------|-------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Old Colony, | 1792, | Hingham, | 9, | 52, | December. |
| Rising Star, | 1799, | Stoughton, | 19, | 55, | December. |
| Corner Stone, | 1801, | Duxbury, | 1, | 30, | November. |
| Rural, | 1801, | Quincy, | 20, | 44, | November. |
| Norfolk Union, | 1819, | Randolph, | | 23, | December. |
| Orphan's Hope, | 1825, | Weymouth, | 14, | 68, | June. |
| Plymouth, | 1825, | Plymouth, | 12, | 57, | November. |
| Paul Revere, | 1837, | North Bridgewater, | 7, | 31, | December. |
| | | | 82 | 360 | |

SIXTH DISTRICT—R. W. JOHN A. DANA, D. D. G. M.

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| Morning Star, | 1793, | Worcester | 12, | 102, | December. |
| Middlesex, | 1795, | Framingham, | 12, | 38, | November. |
| Meridian, | 1797, | Natick, | 9, | 43, | October. |
| Mount Zion, | 1800, | Barre, | 2, | 42, | Septemb'r. |
| Quaboag, | 1859, | Warren | 5, | 24, | November. |
| Montacute, | 1859, | Worcester, | 2, | 37 | November. |
| | | | 42 | 286 | |

SEVENTH DISTRICT—R. W. GEORGE H. TABER, D. D. G. M.

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|---------------------|-------|--------------|-----|------|------------|
| Fellowship, | 1797, | Bridgewater, | 17, | 41, | December. |
| King David, | 1798, | Taunton, | 13, | 120, | November. |
| St. Alban's, | 1818, | Foxboro', | 12, | 41, | Septemb'r. |
| Star-in-the-East, | 1823, | New Bedford, | 20, | 214, | December. |
| Social Harmony, | 1823, | Wareham, | 8, | 28, | December. |
| Mount Hope, | 1824, | Fall River, | 22, | 113, | December. |
| Eureka, | 1856, | New Bedford, | 28, | 38, | December. |
| Bristol, revived in | 1859, | Attleboro, | | | |
| | | | 120 | 595 | |

EIGHTH DISTRICT—R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, D. D. G. M.

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|------------------|-------|---------------|-----|------|-----------|
| King Hiram, | 1795, | Provincetown, | 5, | 91, | November. |
| Marine, | 1798, | Falmouth, | 11, | 21, | December. |
| Fraternal, | 1801, | Barnstable, | 12, | 133, | December. |
| Union, | 1771, | Nantucket, | 14, | 64, | December. |
| Mt. Horeb, | 1855, | West Harwich, | 4, | 51, | December. |
| *Bonj. Franklin, | 1855, | Dennis, | | | |
| De Witt Clinton, | 1856, | Sandwich, | 7, | 42, | December. |
| | | | 53 | 402 | |

*Charter surrendered.

NINTH DISTRICT—R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, D. D. G. M.

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|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|------|------------|
| Cincinnatus, | 1795, | G. Barrington, | 8, | 62, | November |
| Evening Star, | 1795, | Lee, | 5, | 64, | Septemb'r. |
| Lafayette, (1849,) | 1796, | North Adams, | 2, | 30, | December. |
| Thomas, | 1796, | Palmer, | 10, | 44, | November. |
| Wisdom, | 1803, | West Stockbridge, | 4, | 22, | May. |
| Mystic, | 1810, | Pittsfield, | 6, | 46, | November. |
| Hampden, | 1817, | Springfield, | 19, | 127, | November. |
| Mount Moriah, | 1856, | Westfield, | 13, | 66, | Septemb'r. |
| Berkshire, | 1858, | South Adams, | 8, | 33, | November. |
| | | | 75 | 494 | |

TENTH DISTRICT—R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, D. D. G. M.

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|-------------|-------|------------------|-----|------|-----------|
| Republican, | 1795, | Greenfield, | 13, | 70, | December. |
| Harmony, | 1796, | Northfield, | 11, | 35, | December. |
| Jerusalem, | 1797, | Northampton, | 18, | 111, | November. |
| Mountain, | 1806, | Shelburne Falls, | 10, | 46, | December. |
| Bethel, | 1825, | Enfield, | 8, | 37, | November. |
| Chicopee, | 1849, | Chicopee, | 11, | 70, | January. |
| Mount Tom, | 1850, | Holyoke, | 9, | 51, | November. |
| | | | 80 | 420 | |

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—R. W. CHAS. B. ROGERS, D. D. G. M.

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|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-----|------|------------|
| King Solomon, | 1783, | Charlestown, | 16, | 112, | October. |
| Hiram, | 1797, | West Cambridge, | 4, | 79, | November. |
| Star of Bethlehem, | 1844, | Chelsea, | 14, | 109, | November. |
| Putnam, | 1855, | East Cambridge, | 9, | 43, | December. |
| Mount Hermon, | 1855, | Medford, | 20, | 42, | October. |
| Mount Horeb, | 1856, | Woburn, | 9, | 44, | December. |
| Wyoming, | 1857, | Melrose, | 23, | 49, | Septemb'r. |
| Mount Vernon, | 1857, | Malden, | 13, | 46, | October. |
| John Abbot, | 1858, | Somerville, | 18, | 52, | December. |
| | | | 126 | 581 | |

TWELFTH DISTRICT—R. W. JOHN H. SHEPPARD, D. D. G. M.

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|---------------------|-------|---------------|-----|------|-----------|
| St. John's, | 1733, | Boston, | 34, | 185, | December. |
| Massachusetts, | 1770, | Boston, | 17, | 90, | December. |
| Columbian, | 1796, | Boston, | 33 | 239, | December. |
| Washington, | 1796, | Roxbury, | 13, | 95, | November. |
| Union, | 1796, | Dorchester, | 11, | 53, | November. |
| St. Paul's, | 1846, | South Boston, | 26, | 110, | December. |
| Germania, | 1853, | Boston, | 5, | 29, | November. |
| Gate of the Temple, | 1856, | South Boston, | 18, | 56, | November. |
| Joseph Warren, | 1857, | Boston, | 17, | 54, | December. |
| | | | 174 | 911 | |

SOUTH AMERICA—R. W. CHAS. T. WARD, J., Special Deputy.

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|-----------|-------|-------------|----|-----|---------|
| Bethesda, | 1854, | Valparaiso, | 3, | 28, | August. |
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RETURNS FROM LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

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|-----------------|--------------|-----|-----|------------|
| Quabog, | Warren, | 7, | | November. |
| Henry Price, | Charlestown, | 20, | 41, | Septemb' |
| Montacute, | Worcester, | 14, | | November. |
| Trinity, | Clinton, | 17, | 14, | |
| Webster, | Webster, | 15, | 24, | Septemb'r. |
| Hiram, | Copiapo, | 5, | | |
| Southern-Cross, | Valparaiso, | 5, | | |
| | | 83 | 79 | |

RECAPITULATION.

| | <i>Initiates.</i> | <i>Members.</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| First District, | 137, | 850 |
| Second District, | 97, | 750 |
| Third District, | 74, | 740 |
| Fourth District, | 42, | 245 |
| Fifth District, | 82, | 360 |
| Sixth District, | 42, | 286 |
| Seventh District, | 120, | 595 |
| Eighth District, | 53, | 402 |
| Ninth District, | 75, | 494 |
| Tenth District, | 80, | 420 |
| Eleventh District, | 126, | 581 |
| Twelfth District, | 174, | 911 |
| South America, | 3, | 28 |
| Lodges under Dispensation, | 83, | 79 |
| | | 1158 |
| | | 6741 |

LIST OF LODGES.

THE following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge:—

First District.

R. W. BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | Mount Tabor, East Boston, (1846.) |
| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1853.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Winslow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Revere, Boston, (1857.) |
| Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) | Pequosette, Watertown, (1857.) |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Hammatt, East Boston, U. D. |

Second District.

R. W. WILLIAM SUTTON, Salem.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1760.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1766.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1832.) |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Caleb Butler, South Groton. |
| Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) | Wilder, Leominster, U. D. |

Fourth District.

R. W. DANIEL TAFT, Blackstone.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Blackstone River, Bl'kstone, (1856.) |
| Olive Branch, Sutton, (1797.) | Webster, Webster, (1858.) |
| Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, (1818.) | Oxford, Oxford, U. D. |
| Franklin, Grafton, (1832.) | |

Fifth District.

R. W. Z. L. BICKNELL, Weymouth.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) | Paul Revere, North Bridgewater, (1857.) |
| Rural, Quincy, (1801.) | John Cutler, Abington, U. D. |
| Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) | |

Sixth District.

R. W. JOHN A. DANA, Worcester.

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| Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) | Montacute, Worcester, (1859.) |
| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Trinity, Clinton, (1858.) |
| Meridian, Natick, (1797.) | United Brethren, Marlboro', U. D. |
| Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) | Quinebaug, Southbridge, U. D. |
| Quaboag, Warren, (1839.) | |

Seventh District.

R. W. JAS. M. COOK, Taunton.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1798.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |
| St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) | Eureka, New Bedford, (1858.) |
| Star in the East, N. Bedford, (1823.) | Bristol, Attleboro', restored in 1859. |

Eighth District.**R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, Hyannis.**

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| King Hiram, Provincetown, (1795.) | Mt. Horeb, West Harwich, (1855.) |
| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1856.) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1801.) | Pilgrim, South Harwich, (1859.) |
| Union, Nantucket, (1771.) | Martha's Vineyard, Tisbury, U. D. |

Ninth District.**R. W. DANIEL REYNOLDS, Springfield.**

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| Cincinnatus, G. Barrington, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795.) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Lafayette, Adams, (North,) (1796) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796) | Berkshire, Adams, (South,) (1858.) |
| Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) | |

Tenth District.**R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, Holyoke.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Bethel, Enfield, (1825.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796.) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |
| Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) | Orange, Orange, U. D. |

Eleventh District.**R. W. CHARLES B. ROGERS, Charlestown.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856.) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Wyoming, Melrose, (1857.) |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1844.) | Mount Vernon, Malden, (1858.) |
| Putnam, East Cambridge, (1855.) | John Abbot, Somerville, (1855.) |
| Mount Hermon, Medford, (1855.) | Henry Price, Charlestown, (1859.) |

Twelfth District.**R. W. SANFORD M. HUNT, Roxbury.**

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| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Gate of the Temple, South Boston, (1856.) |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, (1857.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | |
| St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) | |

CHARLES T. WARD, Jr., Special Deputy.

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| Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1854.) | Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, S. A., (1858.) |
| | Southern Cross, Valparaiso, S. A., (1858.) |

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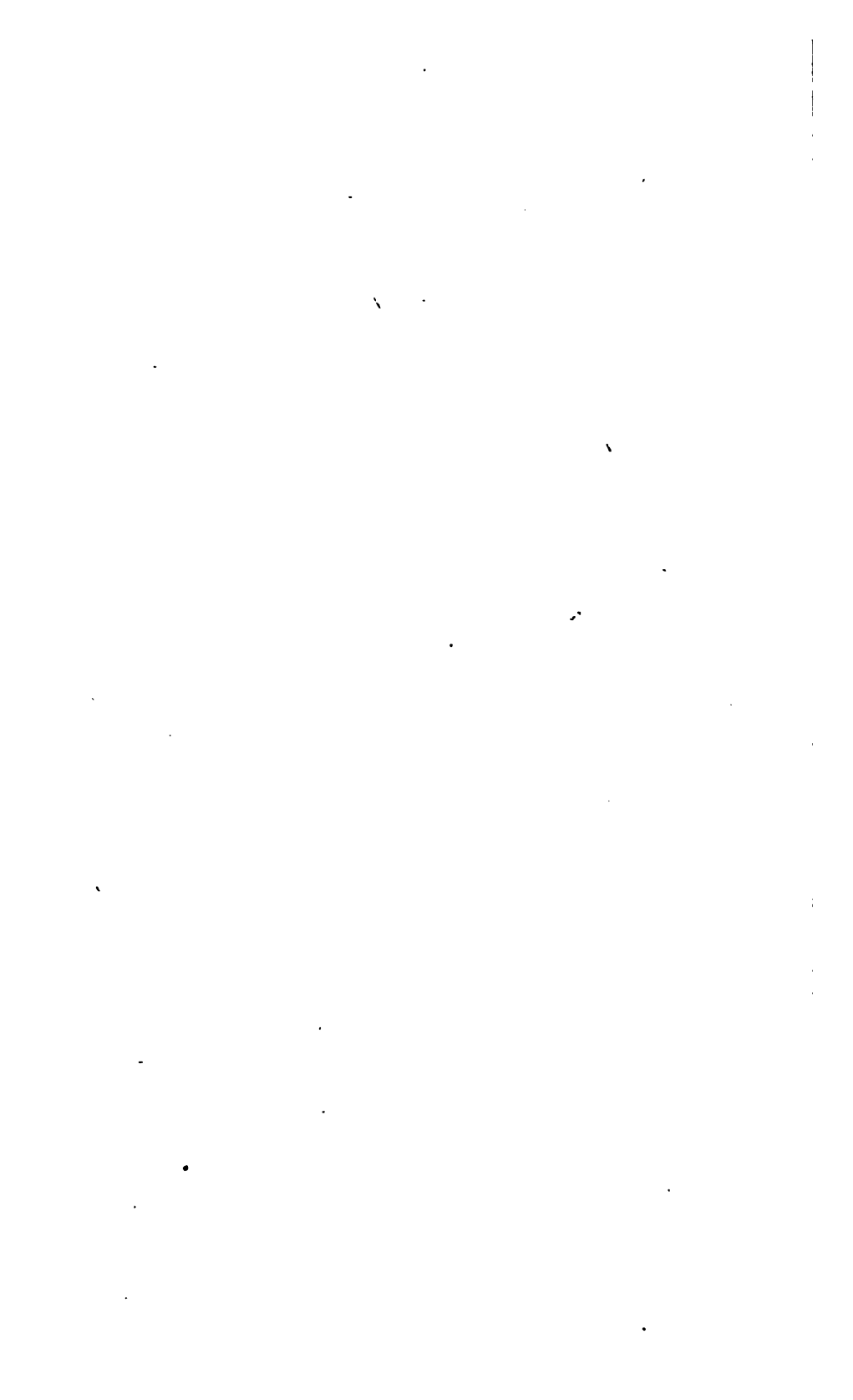
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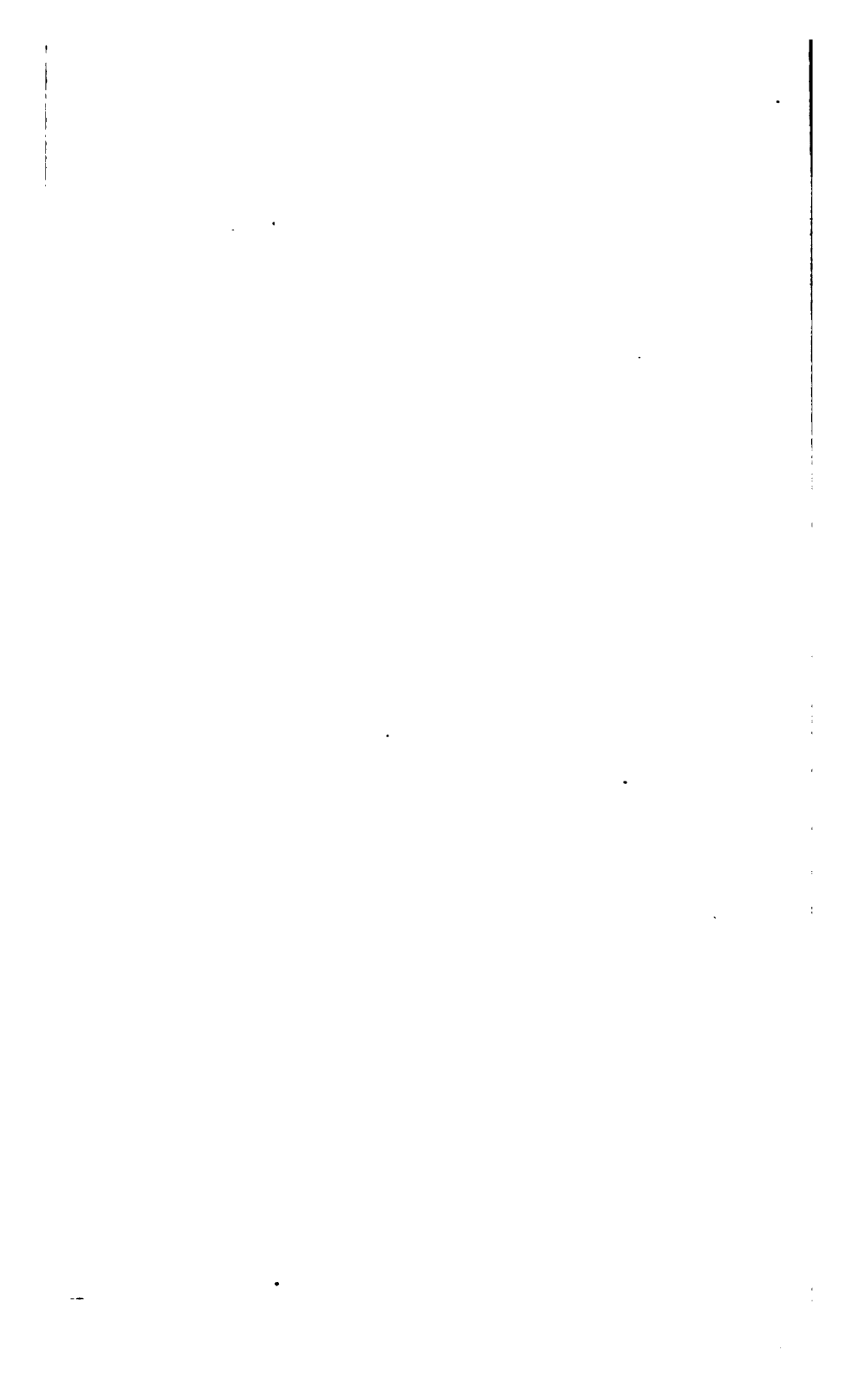
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OF
T H E P R O C E E D I N G S O F
T H E
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 14, A. L. 5860.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, March 14, A. L. 5860, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
R. W. J. V. C. Smith, D. G. M.
“ Joel Spalding, S. G. W.
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“ Wm. W. Wheildon, C. G. Secretary.
W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain.
“ Wm. W. Baker, G. Marshal.
“ John McClellan, S. G. D.
“ Peter Wainwright, J. G. D.
“ Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.
“ Jesse P. Pattee, }
“ Richard M. Barker, } **G. Stewards.**
“ W. D. Stratton, }
“ Isaac P. Seavey, J. Grand Lecturer.

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| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11, |
| " S. M. Hunt, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at quarter past 2 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on the Constitutions had further time granted them.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Communication in December, to report "Resolutions expressive of the appreciation in which this Grand Lodge hold the past services of the Trustees of the Temple," offered a Report, which, after discussion, was amended so as to read as follows :—

REPORT.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication in December last, to consider and report upon the adoption of some testimonial of the services of the retiring Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, have attended to the duty assigned them, and having ascertained from the Secretary of that Board, that the *majority* of the Board have already placed a *pecuniary value* upon their services, the Committee find their duty, in a great measure, superseded; and with a recommendation that the Grand Lodge extend its complimentary thanks to the *two* Trustees who have *declined* a pecuniary compensation, they ask that they may be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ISAAC H. WRIGHT,
WM. D. COOLIDGE, } Committee.
ROBERT KEITH,

In Grand Lodge, 14th March, A. L. 5860.

The following Vote, as a further amendment to the

foregoing Report, was then offered by R. W. Bro. Warren.

Voted, That a Committee of three be authorized and instructed to procure some suitable and *enduring testimonial*, at the expense of this Grand Lodge, to be presented to R. W. Brothers *Lewis* and *Moore*, for their zealous, efficient and valuable services, without remuneration, as members of the late Board of Trustees of the Temple, for many years past.

The Report, as amended, was then unanimously adopted, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed W. Brothers Warren, Tabor and Marshall the Committee on the testimonial to Brothers Lewis and Moore.

The Committee on the appeal of David Simpson against the action of Mount Hermon Lodge, of Medford, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The committee appointed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, upon the appeal of David Simpson, from the action of Mount Hermon Lodge in Medford, have attended to the duty imposed upon them—and after giving the parties a full hearing, and deliberating upon the subject, have come to such conclusions as they have embodied in the following

R E P O R T :

Your committee find the following facts:—At the Regular Monthly Communication of Mount Hermon Lodge, held on the 16th February, A. D. 1859, an application for the degrees in Freemasonry in said Lodge, was received from one James C. Dorr, and said application was referred to a committee, of which Bro. Simpson was Chairman.

At the next communication, this committee, through its chairman, reported “unfavorable” upon the application of said Dorr.

It appeared in evidence before your committee that there were no Masonic reasons for an adverse report; but on the contrary, as appeared from the statements of the other two members of the committee, that they knew of no valid objection to the candidate, but consented that Brother Simpson, at his request, and upon his sole representation, should be allowed to report unfavorable. It further appeared that the Chairman of the Committee entertained, and had exhibited, feelings of personal animosity towards the applicant.

This report was accepted by the Lodge, the committee discharged, and a new committee appointed upon Mr. Dorr's application.

At the next Regular Communication, April 13th, the new committee reported "favorably." The report was accepted and a ballot ordered, which resulted in one black ball. A second, third and fourth ballot took place, and with the same result.

During the fourth ballot, the ballot-box standing upon the altar, it appears that Bro. Simpson stepped up to the altar, took up a black ball, and making a marked display of it to the Brethren present, declared, in a loud and irritating tone and in offensive language, that —"That is what has done it, and what will do it as long as I am a mind to," or words to that effect.

It also appeared that Brother Simpson had, in one other instance, upon the same evening, cast a black ball upon the application of one P. W. Savage, and, as was believed by the members of the Lodge, by reason of personal prejudice.

After the unmasonic and aggravating conduct and declaration above referred to, on the part of Br. Simpson, as appears by the Records of the Lodge, the following charges were submitted in writing :—

"The undersigned hereby charges Brother David Simpson with improper and unmasonic conduct in Mount Hermon Lodge this evening : in that he has factiously and without just cause opposed the application of sundry persons for the degrees of Masonry, to the injury of the Lodge.

"And in that he did publicly and defiantly declare that he would persist in such factious and injurious conduct."

(Signed,)

E. G. CARRELL.

After discussion at length upon the subject, Bro. Simpson being present, and taking part, the Lodge unanimously

Voted, That, in accordance with Sec. 2 of Art. 6 of the Lodge By-Laws, Bro. David Simpson, for the cause alleged in the charges preferred by W. Bro. E. G. Carrell, be suspended from this Lodge for three months.

After this vote, and the withdrawal of Bro. Simpson from the Lodge-room, the Lodge proceeded to another ballot upon the application of Mr. Dorr, and he was unanimously elected to receive the degrees.

The Lodge then closed.

Previous to the next communication, it appears that the officers of the Lodge had consulted with experienced Masons upon the difficulties which had arisen, and particularly with R. W. Br. Chas. B. Rogers,

District Deputy Grand Master for their District, from whom they learned that their proceedings were irregular and could not stand. Their next step was, under advice, to call a special meeting of the Lodge, for the purpose of giving Bro. Simpson a full trial, as provided in the G. Constitutions, upon the charges preferred against him.

A Special Meeting, for this purpose, was called on the 10th of May, at which it appeared by the return of the Secretary, that a copy of said charges had been served upon Brother Simpson, in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Constitutions.

It appears that all the requirements were at this meeting complied with, and after a full hearing—Bro. Simpson being present, and having full opportunity to be heard in his defence—the question being submitted to the Lodge in the Constitutional manner, the Lodge unanimously decided that the charges were fully sustained, and subsequently

Voted, That, in accordance with the finding of the Lodge thereupon, Brother David Simpson be expelled from the rights and privileges of this Lodge,—that is to say, from membership in the Lodge.

At the next Regular Communication of the Lodge, May 11th, 1859, the Lodge unanimously passed the following resolution:—

Whereas, this Lodge has been instructed by R. W. Bro. Chas. B. Rogers, D. D. G. M. for the 11th Masonic District, that the vote of this Lodge, which passed on the evening of April 13th, by which Mr. J. C. Dorr was admitted to the honors of Masonry, was, by reason of informality in the proceedings at that time, illegal—therefore it is now *Resolved*, that said vote be and is hereby rescinded.

After the passage of this vote, a new application was received from Mr. Dorr, which was referred to a new committee; and upon their favorable report, a ballot was had, which was clear, and thereupon the degrees were conferred upon him.

From this state of facts, your committee have come to the conclusion that Mount Hermon Lodge, although irregular in its action in balloting so many times upon the first application of Mr. Dorr, and in its subsequent action, upon the same evening, upon the charges then preferred against Brother Simpson, has effectually healed those irregularities by its subsequent action; and that the Lodge has, moreover, throughout the whole of this unpleasant affair exhibited a disposition to conform its action strictly to Masonic usage; and while striving by all proper means to protect itself from imposition and abuse, it has

yet accorded full respect to the Masonic rights of the appellant in this case.

The Lodge, as shown by its Records, has from the first, as soon as circumstances would permit, consulted the proper superior authority, and, as we are happy to find, cheerfully complied with the advice and instruction thus obtained.

Your Committee find, also, in extenuation of the repeated ballots which were permitted, that the Master of the Lodge acted upon advice given to the Brethren at the constitution of the Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master in his address upon that occasion, wherein he stated that it was the right of the Master of a Lodge to order two, three, or as many ballots as he saw fit to, if he had reason to believe that the result was not an honest expression of the sentiments of the Brethren present.

We have also come to the conclusion, from the evidence before us, that the appellant has been for a long time a troublesome and factious member of the Lodge; and one whose action was inimical to the harmony and prosperity thereof. This is probably the unavoidable result of an unfortunate temperament on his part, and not of any vicious motives; but still its effect has been seriously to endanger the welfare of the Lodge.

There can be no question that the happiness and prosperity of all subordinate Lodges, as well as the good order and government of the fraternity generally, require that each subordinate Lodge shall have the right, full and entire, to say for itself, who may and who may not be members thereof; and your committee do not well see how this Grand Lodge can interfere with this right, by directing the restoration of any one to Lodge membership, who has forfeited the same, in accordance with the lawfully approved By-Laws of that Lodge.

And if at any time, as in this instance, any member shall, by factious and unreasonable conduct in the Lodge, become, detrimental to the welfare thereof, the Lodge should and must have the power to rid itself of such an injurious member, and thus restore peace and harmony among those "amongst whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."

Your committee therefore recommend, that the appellant Brother David Simpson's appeal from the action of Mount Hermon Lodge be dismissed.

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| E. M. P. WELLS. | } Committee. |
| ISAAC H. WRIGHT. | |
| WYZEMAN MARSHALL, | |

The Dispensation, &c., of Excelsior Lodge, with a petition for a Charter in view thereof, were referred to Brothers Sutton, Thaxter and Pattee, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee appointed to examine the Records and By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, South Groton, have attended to the duty assigned them, and

R E P O R T,

That the Records are properly kept, and that the By-Laws are in unison with the requirements of the G. Lodge—and they therefore recommend that a Charter be granted to the petitioners therefor, and that also said Lodge may take the name of "Caleb Butler Lodge," according to their request.

WM. SUTTON,
D. McB. THAXTER, } Committee.
JESSE P. PATTEE,

The Dispensation of Pilgrim Lodge, with a petition praying for a Charter, was also presented, and the latter referred to Brothers Dana, Pope and Marshall, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee, to whom was referred the application of Pilgrim Lodge for a Charter, have attended to that duty, and respectfully

R E P O R T,

That the By-Laws, as altered and amended by your Committee, are conformable to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge—a copy of which is herewith submitted,—and that they have also examined the Records of said Lodge while working under Dispensation. These they find somewhat irregular, and particularly in the circumstance where degrees have been conferred by Dispensation, it does not always appear upon the Records.

This irregularity the W. Master has explained to us, and will amend in the future practice of the Lodge.

The other irregularities are of minor importance, and the Records are full, and appear in other matters to have been faithfully kept.

The Committee recommend that the By-Laws be approved, and that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

JOHN A. DANA,
WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
R. S. POPE.

March 14, 1860.

The By-Laws of Fellowship Lodge, Bridgewater, were presented and referred to Brothers Moore, Wainwright, and E. C. Baker, for examination and correction.

The proceedings of Blackstone River Lodge, in expelling *Daniel T. Thayer*, from the Institution, were presented and referred to Brothers Charles B. Rogers, Isaac P. Seavey, and G. Washington Warren, and this Committee having examined the papers, offered the following Report, which was adopted, and the expulsion of said Thayer confirmed, viz :—

R E P O R T .

The Committee to whom the papers were referred in relation to the expulsion of D. T. Thayer from Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, for unmasonic conduct, Report, that the action of the Lodge has been correct and legal, and should be approved.

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| CHARLES B. ROGERS, | } Committee. |
| ISAAC P. SEAVEY, | |
| G. W. WARREN, | |

A communication was received from Paul Revere Lodge, relative to the jurisdiction of that Lodge, and referred to Brothers James M. Cook, Z. L. Bicknell, and Lowe.

A communication was received from Orphan's Hope Lodge, relative to the suspension from Masonry of Roscius R. Walker, and referred to Brothers Sampson, M. A. Moore, and E. C. Baker, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Orphan's Hope Lodge, beg leave to

R E P O R T :

That in the case of Roscius R. Walker, they would recommend that the action of the Lodge be sustained.

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| W. H. SAMPSON, | } Committee. |
| M. AURELIUS MOORE, | |
| ELISHA C. BAKER, | |

A complaint against Olive Branch Lodge was received

and referred to Brothers Abraham A. Dame, Dean, and Hunt.

R. W. Brother Rogers, in behalf of the Committee on the Initiation of Sojourners, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the initiation of citizens of Massachusetts in other jurisdictions, find upon inquiry, that with regard to those receiving their degrees in the British Provinces, there is no legal remedy, as the Grand Lodge of England claims the right to confer the degrees in Masonry upon any person without respect to citizenship.

In relation to those who have been initiated under other jurisdictions within the United States, your Committee have reason to believe that there have been a number of cases, but they have not been able to obtain reliable facts to substantiate the charge; they would therefore recommend to Masters of Lodges, and others to whom such cases may hereafter become known, to obtain the necessary facts in relation thereto and present them to the G. Lodge.]

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| CHAS. B. ROGERS, | } Committee. |
| W. C. MARTIN, | |
| M. AURELIUS MOORE, | |

Boston, March 14th, 1860.

The Committee of Relief presented a Report of their doings for the past quarter, which was approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form. Prayer by Rev. Brother Paige.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—JUNE 13, A. L. 5860.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, June 13, A. L. 5860, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, G. Master,
 R. W. J. V. C. Smith, D. G. M.
 " Joel Spalding, S. G. W.
 " William D. Coolidge, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " W. W. Wheildon, C. G. S.
 W. William W. Baker, G. Marshal.
 " Peter Wainwright, S. G. D.
 " J. P. Pattee, }
 " Wm. D. Stratton, } G. Stewards.
 " Charles A. Davis, }
 " Lovell Bicknell, } G. Pursuivants.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }
 " Isaac P. Seavey, } G. Lecturers.
 Br. Samuel H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Benjamin Dean, | District No. 1. |
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| " James M. Cook, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " S. M. Hunt, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Brother Paige.

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Paul Revere Lodge against Fellowship Lodge for an encroachment upon its jurisdiction, presented a Report, which was read, and after discussion recommitted to the

same Committee, with instructions to report more definitely.

The Dispensation of Wilder Lodge, at Leominster was returned, and a petition praying for a Charter instead, was presented, and referred to Brothers Gardner, Thaxter, and Sampson, which Committee having attended to the matter, subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, June 13, A. L. 5860.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Durant and others, and the accompanying documents, praying that a Charter may be granted to said petitioners, under the name of Wilder Lodge, to be located at Leominster, in the County of Worcester, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That they have carefully examined the By-Laws of said Lodge and proceedings, and their Records while under Dispensation. They find that the Records have been carefully kept, and that they show a commendable zeal in the petitioners, worthy of emulation in older Lodges.

Your Committee have noted two changes in the By-Laws, and with these alterations they would recommend that the same be adopted by the Grand Lodge for the government of Wilder Lodge.

The dues for Dispensation, initiates and Charter have been paid, and your Committee unanimously recommend that a Charter may be granted the petitioners, as prayed for, when the alteration in their By-Laws have been made, in accordance with the recommendations in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. GARDNER, }
D. McB. THAXTER, } Committee.
W. H. SAMPSON, }

R. W. Brother John Flint was recognized as proxy for Hiram Lodge of Copiapo, Chili.

A communication from St. Andrew's Lodge was received and referred to Brothers Z. L. Bicknell, Sutton, and Davenport, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

In Grand Lodge, June 13th, 1860.

The Committee appointed upon the resolutions from St. Andrew's

Lodge, have attended to that duty, and report, that, in their opinion, it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to take any action in relation to the same.

Z. L. BICKNELL,
WM. SUTTON,
JAMES DAVENPORT, } Committee.

The Committee on the complaint against Olive Branch Lodge, submitted a Report, which was adopted, and the complaint dismissed.

On motion of Brother Thaxter, the communication from the Lodge at Honolulu, asking for aid in the erection of a Masonic Hall, was taken from the files, and referred to Brothers Wright, Flint, and Taber.

Brother Marshall, W. Master of St. John's Lodge, Boston, submitted certain amendments that had been adopted by that Lodge for approval. The same were referred to R. W. Brothers Wright, Keith, and Moore, and on their Report were approved.

The Committee of Relief presented their Quarterly Report, which was approved.

R. W. Brother Heard, from the Committee on the Constitutions, after saying that he had failed to get a majority of the Committee together, pointed out a variety of amendments which had been agreed upon by the minority.

After discussion the Report was recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to report in print, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the Report to each Lodge.

R. W. Brother Paige declined further service on the Committee, and Brother G. Washington Warren was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Brother Taber, it was

Voted, That the Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of so altering the Constitutions as to allow each Lodge, whether pres-

ent by one or more of its officers, or by Proxy, three votes in the election of officers and on all questions when the ballot is ordered.

On motion and vote the Committee were further instructed to consider the expediency of changing the hour of meeting of the Grand Lodge from two to three o'clock, and also the hour of election of officers, from eight to half-past three o'clock, P. M., or at such other hours as they may consider most convenient.

It was also

Voted, That the Committee consider and report on the expediency of paying the travelling expenses of one or more delegates from each Lodge in their attendance upon the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and also the subject of Grand Lodge dues.

On motion of Brother Salmon, the Committee was also instructed to consider the expediency of requiring the consent and approbation of the Master and Wardens of all the Lodges in the town or city to enable a resident of said town or city to receive the degrees elsewhere.

Closed at 4 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Brother Huntoon.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 12, A. L. 5860.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, September 12, A. L. 5860.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.

R. W. J. V. C. Smith, D. G. M.

" Joel Spalding, S. G. W.

" William D. Coolidge, J. G. W.

" Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.

" Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

" Wm. W. Wheildon, C. G. Secretary.

- W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain.
 " Peter C. Jones, G. Marshal.
 " John McClellan, S. G. D.
 " W. D. Stratton, J. G. D. p. 1.
 " Lovell Bicknell, G. Pursuivant.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, } G. Lecturers.
 " Isaac P. Seavey, }

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Benjamin Dean, | District No. 1. |
| " William Sutton, | " No. 2. |
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| " James M. Cook, | " No. 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, | " No. 8. |
| " Daniel Reynolds, | " No. 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wells.

The Dispensation, Records, and Proceedings of John Cutler Lodge, were presented, and referred to Brothers Seavey, Fellows, and Lothrop for examination, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

R E P O R T.

Boston, Sept. 12, 1860.

The Committee on examination of the Records of John Cutler Lodge, of Abington, working under Dispensation the past year, would respectfully beg leave to Report, That, having attended to the duties assigned them, they find that the Proceedings of said Lodge have been regular, a faithful record of the same kept, and their By-Laws are consistent with the Constitutions of the G. Lodge. They therefore recommend that a Charter be issued to the petitioners.

I. P. SEAVEY,
 J. F. FELLOWS,
 EBEN W. LOTHROP, } Committee.

The Committee to whom were referred the Dispensa-

tion, Records, &c., of Orange Lodge, presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

R E P O R T.

The Committee, to whom were referred the Dispensation, Records and By-Laws of Orange Lodge at Orange, have attended to the examination of the same, and respectfully recommend, that a Charter issue to the Brethren there, who for the past year have been working under the Dispensation granted by the G. Master.

C. W. MOORE,
WYZEMAN MARSHALL, } Committee.
JOHN McCLELLAN,

Sept. 12, 1860.

The Records and By-Laws of United Brethren Lodge, which for the past year has been working under a Dispensation at Marlborough, were presented, and referred to Brothers Rogers, Fellows, and Lothrop, who subsequently submitted a Report, (written and verbal,) suggesting some slight alterations in the By-Laws, and manner of keeping the Records of said Lodge, and recommending that a Charter issue to the petitioners, when the suggestions of the Committee have been complied with—which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Proceedings of Martha's Vineyard Lodge, presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

R E P O R T:

In Grand Lodge, Sept. 12, 1860.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Martha's Vineyard Lodge, for a Charter, have examined the By-Laws, Records, &c. and find the Records properly kept, and would recommend that a Charter be granted.

The following alterations of the By-Laws have been made:—

Sec. 2, Article 2. Striking out "two" and inserting "the casting."

Article 3. After the word "question," insert "involving the expenditure of money."

Sec. 3, Article 4. Adding the words "dispensation having been obtained therefor."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY TABER, 2d, }
W. H. SAMPSON, } *Committee.*
M. A. MOORE, }

The following Report was also presented and adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Oxford Lodge, of Oxford, now working under a Dispensation, that a Charter be granted to them, have attended to their duty, and ask leave to

R E P O R T.

They have examined the Records and By-Laws of that Lodge, and they find that the same are in accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that a Charter be granted.

Z. L. BICKNELL, }
WM. SUTTON, } *Committee.*
JAS. M. COOK, }

The following Report was presented and read :—

*Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, third Quarterly Communication, }
September 12th, A. L. 5860. }*

The Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication, to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge upon the application of Hawaiian Lodge, at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, for aid in erecting a Masonic edifice, which application was presented at the June Communication, A. L. 5858, beg leave to

R E P O R T:

That in view of the long time that has elapsed since the application was made, the Committee recommend that no further action be had thereon.

ISAAC H. WRIGHT, }
HENRY TABER, 2d, } *Committee.*

The Report was, on motion, amended by recommending that the sum of one hundred dollars be contributed in aid of the proposed new Masonic Hall at Honolulu, and, as amended, was referred to the Grand Secretary, with instructions to ascertain if any, and what, progress has been made in the contemplated structure.

The Committee of Relief presented their Report, which was adopted.

The proceedings had in the expulsion of Lewis Goldenburg from Masonry, by Mount Tabor Lodge, at East Boston, were presented, and referred to Brothers Dean, Upham, and Goodwin, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts—

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of Mount Tabor Lodge, expelling Br. Lewis Goldenburg from the privileges of Freemasonry, recommend that the expulsion of Br. Lewis Goldenburg be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

BENJ. DEAN,
JAMES H. UPHAM,
JOHN A. GOODWIN.

Boston, Sept. 12, 1860.

The following communication was received from the Trustees of the Temple, (Grand Charity Fund,) and the elections therein specified were confirmed :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

I am directed to inform your M. W. Body, that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, Brothers John T. Heard and William Parkman were elected Members of the Board to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Brothers E. A. Raymond and John Hews.

Attest,

CHAS. W. MOORE,
Secretary of the Board.

R. W. Brother Heard offered a printed Report, containing the Amendments to the Constitutions, which were read by him before the Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication, the consideration of which, on motion of Brother Parkman, was referred to the Annual Communication in December next.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in ample form.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 12, A. L. 5860.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, December 12th, A. L. 5860.

P R E S E N T .

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| M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, G. Master, | |
| R. W. J. V. C. Smith, D. G. M. | |
| " Joel Spalding, S. G. W. | |
| " William D. Coolidge, J. G. W. | |
| " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer. | |
| " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary. | |
| " W. W. Wheildon, C. G. S. | |
| W. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, G. Chaplain. | |
| " William W. Baker, G. Marshal. | |
| " John McClellan, S. G. D. | |
| " Peter Wainwright, J. G. D. | |
| " Peter C. Jones, G. S. B. | |
| " J. P. Pattee, | } G. Stewards. |
| " R. M. Barker, | |
| " Wm. D. Stratton, | |
| " Charles A. Davis, | } G. Pursuivants. |
| " Lovell Bicknell, | |
| " Benj. F. Nourse, | } G. Lecturers. |
| " Isaac P. Seavey, | |
| " Solon Thornton, | } Com. of Finance. |
| " John K. Hall, | |

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| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |
| " S. M. Hunt, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at quarter past 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother L. B. Keith was recognized as Proxy for Paul Revere Lodge; Brother Aaron B. Barnes, for Winslow Lodge, and Brother John E. Bacon, for Olive Branch Lodge.

A petition for a Charter was presented from Hammatt Lodge, East Boston, and referred to Brothers Greenwood, Rand, and Haberstrok, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Hammatt Lodge, for a Charter, (the same having worked under a Dispensation during the past year,) respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they have examined the Records and various papers containing the doings of said Lodge, and find them to have been kept in a very neat and regular manner; the required dues have also been paid, but as the By-Laws have not been presented, the Committee recommend that a Charter be granted as soon as the By-Laws shall have been approved by the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted.

JONA. GREENWOOD, }
CALEB RAND, }
L. HABERSTROK, } Committee.

A similar petition was presented from Quinebaug Lodge, Southbridge, and referred to Brothers Gamwell, Thaxter, and Reynolds, which Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of granting a Charter to Quinebaug Lodge, now working under Dispensation, at Southbridge, having attended to that duty, would respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they have examined the Records and By-Laws of said Lodge; that the Records have been correctly kept; that the By-Laws, excepting certain emendations and erasures which the Committee have made, are constitutional. They would therefore recommend the granting the Charter prayed for.

For the Committee.

L. H. GAMWELL.

An appeal from the decision of King Solomon's Lodge in the case of said Lodge *vs.* Daniel Grant, Jr., a member thereof, was presented, and referred to Brothers Wm. N. Lane, Benj. Dean, and C. C. Dame.

The Report of the Committee on the Constitutions, was taken up, considered, amended, and adopted as follows:—

A M E N D M E N T S .

PART I.

ARTICLE 1 to read as follows :—

By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, the voluntary association known by the title of "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," having obtained and accepted an Act of Incorporation from the General Court of Massachusetts, dated March 1, 1859, with power "to make and ordain from time to time By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government and management of the Corporation, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth:" Now, therefore, the said Grand Lodge doth hereby make, ordain and promulgate the following as the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE I.

SEAL.—BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



Sec. 1. That the seal heretofore used by the Grand Lodge when acting as a voluntary association, shall be the seal of the Corporation, to be kept and used by the Recording Grand Secretary.

Sec. 2. The Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Recording Grand Secretary, and five other members, to be elected at large, be and hereby are constituted a Board of Directors, [with full power to do and transact any and all business of the Corporation, in any way relating to its property, real or personal. The Grand Master, or, in case of his absence or disability, the Senior Grand Warden, or, in the absence of the latter, the Junior Grand Warden, to be the presiding officer of such Board, and the Recording Grand Secretary to be its recording officer. Meetings of said Board to be called and notified in such manner and at such times as they shall determine; and the action of a majority of the Board to be binding; said Board, however, to be at all times subject to the direction of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. Strike out the word "special" in the sixth line.

Sec. 2. (New.) The meetings of this Grand Lodge, whether regular or special, shall be notified by publication in one or more newspapers printed in the city of Boston; such publication to be at least one week prior to the time appointed for holding such meetings. Special meetings

may be called at pleasure by the presiding officer of the Corporation, or by vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. In fifth line from top insert *three* for *eight* o'clock, P. M., as the hour for the election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 7. Substitute "Board of Directors" for "Elective Officers and Committee of Finance" on sixth line; also for "Committee on Finance" on the eleventh and twenty-first lines; and strike out the words beginning on the eleventh line, "and such sums as the Trustees of the Charity Fund shall direct," and insert "and" at the commencement of the clause following.

[The Section as amended will read as follows]:—

Sec. 7. The Grand Treasurer shall have the charge of the personal property and funds of the Grand Lodge; shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of his trust, in such sum, and with such sureties as the Grand Lodge shall require; and shall from time to time invest all unappropriated funds in his hands in such manner as the Board of Directors shall direct. He shall receive all monies from the District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as all other monies paid to the Grand Lodge; shall pay all bills passed by the Board of Directors, and shall have in his care all the regalia not entrusted to the Senior Grand Steward, and all charters, records, seals and regalia returned to the Grand Lodge. He shall keep an accurate account of all money by him received and paid; and shall annually render an account thereof, with a schedule of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to the Board of Directors; shall deliver to his successor in office the funds and all other property of the Grand Lodge, entrusted to his care, taking duplicate receipts for the same; one of which

receipts he shall deposit with the Recording Grand Secretary.

PART II.

Strike out the whole of the Article, and substitute the following:—

ARTICLE I.

GRAND CHARITY FUND.

Sec. 1. The Charity Fund, established by this Grand Lodge, shall be styled "the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," and shall consist of **FIFTY THOUSAND** Dollars.

Sec. 2. The Charity Fund shall be held in the name of the Grand Lodge, and shall be under the direction of a Board of Trustees. And said Board shall be styled "the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

Sec. 3. The interest arising annually from this Fund, shall be appropriated as the Grand Lodge shall direct, for the relief of such poor and distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; but all interest unappropriated at the end of each year, shall be paid over by the Trustees to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. *Provided, nevertheless,* That if this Fund shall at any time be reduced below the sum prescribed in Sec. 1, all such unappropriated interest shall be added yearly to the principal, until it shall again amount to Fifty Thousand Dollars.

PART III.

Strike out Article 1, and insert the following:—

ARTICLE I.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge an Auditing Committee, consisting of three members of the Grand Lodge, shall be chosen by ballot, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and report to the Grand Lodge at the ensuing annual communication, and before the election of officers, an account of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, with a statement of all funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 2. In the fourth line from the bottom of the section, strike out "thirtyfive" and insert "forty five;" and in the two following lines strike out the words "ten for the Grand Charity Fund."

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. Strike out the word "Charity" in the sixth line from the bottom of the page, and add the letter "s" to the word "Fund" in the same line.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. Change the first *six* lines to read as follows:—

Lodges of Instruction may be holden in any town or city in the Commonwealth with the permission of the Grand Master, in writing; provided, however, that not less than two Lodges shall apply for such permission.

PART IV.

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 10. Erase *five* in third line and insert *three*, as the fee payable to the Grand Lodge on every candidate initiated. [*A previous amendment.*]

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. In eleventh and twelfth lines strike out the words "being a member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction," and insert "being a member of said Lodge."

After the sentence above, add: "Any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge but established beyond the territorial limits of Massachusetts, may constitute an honorary member of such Lodge to act as its proxy in Grand Lodge."

[The Section as amended will read as follows]:—

Sec. 1. It is the duty of every Lodge to be represented at the communications of the Grand Lodge, by its Master and Wardens, or by a Proxy duly commissioned, under the seal of the Lodge, and the attestation of the Master and Secretary. And, that there may be no excuse for neglect of this duty, each Lodge is authorized to appoint any Master Mason of regular standing, not holding office in Grand Lodge, and being a member of said Lodge, as a Proxy to represent them in the Grand Lodge; and such Proxy shall have a right to a seat in the Grand Lodge, during the Masonic year in which he was appointed, and to a vote, when the Master and Wardens of the Lodge he represents, shall not, either of them, be present. Any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge but established beyond the territorial limits of Massachusetts, may constitute an honorary member of such Lodge to act as its Proxy in Grand Lodge. The letter, by which a Lodge shall appoint a Proxy, is to be in form and substance as follows, viz :—

Sec. 3. (New.) Every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall be allowed three votes in all elections, and other business, in this Grand Lodge, whether represented by one or more of its authorized representatives.

And all laws and regulations inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby rescinded.

ARTICLE III.

Strike out Section 5, and substitute the following :—

Sec. 5. Applications for initiation shall be made to the Lodge in the town or city where the petitioner resides, if there be a Lodge therein ; but if there be none, then he shall apply to the Lodge most convenient to his residence, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to make due and careful inquiry as to the moral standing of the petitioner, of some respectable and reliable person or persons living in the place of his residence, before he shall be initiated. And no person residing in a town or city where there is a Lodge shall be initiated in any other town or city, without the written consent and recommendation of the Master, one Warden, and two members, at least, of each Lodge in the town or city where he resides ; provided, however, that where there are more than two Lodges in any town or city, such consent and recommendation shall not be required of more than two of them. Nor shall any candidate be received from any other State (he being a resident thereof) where a regular Lodge is established, without the written permission of the Grand Master of such State.

The Committee of Relief presented a Report of their doings for the past quarter, which was approved.

At half-past 6 o'clock the Grand Lodge took a recess, and was called to order again at half-past 7 o'clock.

The Committee of Finance presented their Report for the past year, which was adopted.

The M. W. G. Master read the following patriotic letter, a copy of which he had addressed to the G. Master of Virginia :—

Boston, Dec. 10th, 1860.

Most Worshipful Gd. Master of the Gd. Lodge of Virginia :

Dear Brother,—That period has arrived (alas ! that it should ever be so,) when it behoves every one who has lived and flourished under the benign influence of our glorious Union, to exert his best endeavors to obviate that sad impulse which threatens its dissolution. In the relations of fellow-citizens of a wide-spread Republic, our efforts have proved ineffectual. Fanaticism is the predominant demon, and the ties which have bound the South and North so long together, which carried them shoulder to shoulder in the days of our fathers, and have continued them in their prosperity as a United Nation, are now in preparation to be severed.

Is it too late to avert the calamity ? Is there nought remains of conservatism to be tried ? Have we not an institution which binds us together not only as fellow-citizens, but as Brothers, and as Brothers can we lacerate those pledges, the foundation of our Faith and Practice ? Therefore, may we not look to it as a strong element to allay the bitter anguish of these dark days in our Nation's History ?

It was my good fortune to visit Richmond with a band of our Order, and to witness and feel the mighty operation which cemented the hearts of all the participants on that occasion. The influences of that meeting are ineffaceable, the impress indelible. With such feelings, of so powerful a fraternization, how disunion must pall the hearts of those whose affections as Brothers are so warmed towards those so dear to them in Virginia ! and, as one, I was resolved to pour out my own, and to express to you, what I deem to be, the predominant sentiment in Boston, if not in the whole jurisdiction over which I have the honor to preside, and I assure you, my dear Brother, that we cling to you, not only as Brothers, but as fellow-citizens ; and may that evil day be far removed, when Virginia and Massachusetts, the States which gave to our country a WASHINGTON and a FRANKLIN, and to Freemasonry, two of its brightest lights, shall be found opposed as enemies, and severed as components of the United States.

May God avert that terrible issue ! and may He instil into the hearts of all of our Order, the observance of that precept of his Holy Word, that first lesson to every neophyte in Freemasonry, " Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity,"—and, may all under your fraternal jurisdiction demonstrate, by their acts, that in the " Old Dominion," as well as among ourselves of the " Old Bay State," Union, as fellow-citizens, and Brotherly Love, as

Masons, shall now, in this the perilous hour, as heretofore under the days of prosperity, be their aim and resolve. "*So mote it be.*"

Fraternally yours,

WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., *Grand Master.*

The reading of the letter was received with great favor, and elicited warm and hearty responses from the Brethren, and especially from Brother Col. Ruggles, of Virginia, who was present as a visitor. It was also voted, that the sentiments of the letter be adopted as the sentiments of the Grand Lodge, and that it be spread on the Records, and a copy sent to each Grand Lodge in the Union. The vote was taken by the Brethren rising, and was carried with but two negatives.

The hour having arrived for the Election of Officers, a return of the voters present was ordered, and Brothers Goodwin, Parmenter, and Sutton were appointed a Committee to collect and report the votes.

The election then proceeded with the following results :—

- R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, of Newtonville, *Grand Master.*
- " WILLIAM NORTH, of Lowell, *Senior Grand Warden.*
- " JESSE P. PATTEE, of West Cambridge, *Junior Grand Warden.*
- " THOMAS TOLMAN, of Boston, *Grand Treasurer.*
- " CHAS. W. MOORE, Boston, *Grand Secretary.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

W. SOLON THORNTON, W. H. L. SMITH, JOHN K. HALL.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

JOHN T. HEARD, WILLIAM PARKMAN.

Brothers Charles R. Train and Peter Wainwright were confirmed as Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, in place of Brothers Simon W. Robinson and Gardner Greenleaf resigned.

Brothers Benjamin Dean, John McClellan, and C. C. Dame were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Installation of the Officers on the 17th inst.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, at half-past 10 o'clock, P. M.

STATED COMMUNICATION—DEC. 27, A. L. 5860.

A Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 27, A. L. 5860, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Grand Master.
 R W. John B. Hammatt, S. G. W. p. t.
 " William D. Coolidge, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. Peter C. Jones, G. Marshal, p. t.
 " Jesse P. Pattee, S. G. Deacon p. t.
 " W. D. Stratton, J. G. D. p. t.
 " Lovell Bicknell; G. Pursuivant.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, } G. Lecturers,
 " Isaac P. Seavey, }

And a very large number of representatives of Lodges and visiting Brethren; estimated at four hundred.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Master stated that the appointment of W. Brother John K. Hall to the office of District Deputy G. Master for the Eleventh District, has caused a vacancy in the Auditing Committee, the filling of which was necessary in order to complete the organization of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. Whereupon, an election was ordered, and Bro. John McClellan was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

The M. W. Grand Master then directed the G. Lecturers to take their places and organize a Lodge for the purpose of exemplifying the Work and Lectures of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; in the performance of which duty the day was fully occupied until half-past 4 o'clock, P. M., when the Grand Lodge was closed until half-past 6, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the Grand Lodge was opened at half-past 6 o'clock.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, G. Master,
 R. W. J. V. C. Smith, D. G. M.
 " Joel Spaulding, S. G. W.
 " William D. Coolidge, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. Wm. Nicholson, D. D., G. Chaplain.
 " William W. Baker, G. Marshal.
 " John McClellan, S. G. D.
 " Peter Wainwright, J. G. D.
 " Peter C. Jones, G. S. B.
 " J. P. Patee, }
 " Wm. D. Stratton, } G. Stewards.
 " Charles A. Davis, }
 " Lovell Bicknell, } G. Pursuivants.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }
 " Isaac P. Seavey, } G. Lecturers.
 " Solon Thornton, }
 " John K. Hall, } Com. of Finance.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.

D I S T R I C T D E U T Y G R A N D M A S T E R S .

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| R. W. Benjamin Dean, | District No. 1. |
| " William Sutton, | " No. 2. |
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| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " Charles B. Rogers, | " No. 11. |
| " S. M. Hunt, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Nicholson.

After the singing of an appropriate Ode, written for the occasion by W. Bro. John K. Hall, M. W. Grand Master Lewis delivered the following

ADDRESS.

The period has now arrived which releases me from my official relation to this Grand Lodge, and the arduous duties which have peculiarly devolved on me during the past year. I say *peculiarly*, for, as the Presiding Head of Templarism in Massachusetts and R. Island, at a time when more was required to administer that office than ever before, or is likely to be again, the duties imposed were unprecedented, and called for a devotion of time and labor, which literally precluded much attention to anything else. But, reviewing the connexion of thirty years with the Order, in times of its prosperity and adversity, sustaining official positions in its various departments throughout this long period, and now retiring from all, still this connexion has been the principal source of my life's happiness, excepting none but those of my domestic relations. It has brought to me the truest, the best, the most devoted of friendships, and the fond regard which hangs on the memories of those who have gone, the fraternal ties which still bind me to those who are spared, will smooth the declining path and still cheer the few years that may remain. And, in this, a valedictory address, as it is the last occasion I shall ever speak officially, it may not be deemed out of place to thus publicly allude to one, who to me has ever been the unwearied friend—to every Mason in Massachusetts the able counsellor, and to this Grand Lodge the very best supporter. Without that profound judgment, that unerring Masonic knowledge and sagacity which have ever distinguished your Recording Grand Secretary, the labors of the Grand Master could not have been sustained,—without that friendly mentor to guide, without that “greater light,” the Chair could not have been supported.

On this, our annual meeting, on this, the day consecrated to Freemasonry everywhere, when all has been well with us, and increasing prosperity and union, with every attendant blessing, have favored the cause, let us not forget our gratitude to that Being, without whose favor neither individuals or associations prosper. He has given to us in his mercy, and also in like mercy, He hath taken away. In the fullness of years, and in the fullness of Faith and excellence, he has removed two venerable Brethren from the roll of our Permanent Members—Clarke Gayton Pickman, who died May 12th, and Paul Dean, who left us, for a higher communion, Oct. 1, 1860. Both were called suddenly, and we have full assurance they were not unprepared. They were both faithful to their God while here, and their faith has terminated, we may humbly trust, in a blessed fruition.

Clarke Gayton Pickman, graduated at Harvard University in 1811, being a classmate of the Hon. Edward Everett and others who have distinguished themselves in the various positions of society. He was a good scholar; his life was passed in study and seclusion. He was a lover of books, and his valuable collection he bequeathed to his Alma Mater. A constitutional infirmity which clouded his mind, and impaired an active usefulness, caused him to shrink from society; but his heart was ever employed in dispensing that bounty which his ample means allowed,—his hand was open as day to melting charity.

Prompted towards the Masouic Institution as a worker for good, he early entered into, and ever esteemed it. He presided over St. John's Lodge, and many can recur to the force and eloquence of his charges to the candidates. He was Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge, and a punctual attendant at its meetings. He formed no domestic ties. He lived the life of loneliness. The Christian's Faith and Hope were his supports. They alone upheld him in the despondency of his mental malady, and pointed to happier skies.

Of our revered and reverend Brother, the late Paul Dean, to speak in the fullness which his long labors deserve, would call for an abler pen and a higher power. His long official position in the Order, embracing all its departments; his energy, devotion and intrepidity in its cause, when its defenders were few, its opponents many,—his integrity of life, his social, his Christian excellencies, have all left their impress on the minds and hearts of every Brother. His name will stand high on the list of those who have presided over this Body, and added lustre to the institution. I trust that appropriate notice will be taken in this Grand Lodge, and that our records shall bear the sense of its members, on this their great bereavement.

A year has now passed since the first occupancy of these halls of Freemasonry. They have proved to be convenient and admirably adapted for the purposes for which they were dedicated—inferior to none, as to taste and elegance.

The property owned by the Grand Lodge, and invested in the Winthrop House and Freemasons' Hall, is not only of great value, but every year will increase it in this respect; and, prospectively, it will become a source of a very large income. The sale of the Masonic Temple and the purchase of this building was effected by the labor, perseverance and judgment of a few, after a protracted opposition,—and it is to be hoped that those few will not be forgotten, when succeeding years shall harvest the result of their energy and prescience.

A splendid organ, built by Simmons and Wilcox, having nearly 2000 pipes, has added to the beauty of this Hall in its architectural excellence, and given impressive effect to the ceremonies. Let me urge upon every Masonic Body to add the influence of Music to their meetings. It has an irresistible power on the heart,—attunes it to its best emotions.

The subject of Masonic Libraries is one which appears proper for the consideration of every Lodge. The press is teeming with publications on Freemasonry. That there are many, very many, which had better be committed to the stoves, is vividly true. They would thus do more good in warming the body, than in imparting in any way intelligence to the mind. Most of these are urged upon the Fraternity by such a pertinacity of application, that the *itinerant vendors* have become nuisances on the time and patience of the Brethren. But let not these preclude the acquiring of those works, so essential to every one who aspires to be an intelligent member of the Order. The productions of Dr. Oliver, Moore, Mackay, and many others, from the most enlightened of the Brethren; the voluminous London Masonic Magazine, the “*Latomia*” of Leipsic, the *Revue Maçonnique* of Paris, the Proceedings, especially, of the Grand Lodges of the U. S. should be accessible to every one desirous of knowledge of the History, Principles, Practices and Jurisprudence of a our widespread institution.

I regret in this connection to add, that the Brethren under this jurisdiction have not that information given to them, which is imparted to all subordinates of other Grand Lodges, through a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, where an analysis is given of all the important transactions of those Bodies. It is my opinion that the most venerable, and certainly not the least influential, of the Grand Lodges of the U. S. should not lack in this very essential particular, but that an able committee should annually promulgate to its members and constituents all such information as would enlighten them on those particulars, which should interest every Mason in Massachusetts.

Among the appointed officers in this Body is the Corresponding G. Secretary. From him should be derived information in regard to other Grand Lodges; the more necessary, as we hold no official relation with them, not having adopted the representative system, which has so extensively become the medium of fraternal intercommunication, and which, I believe, can now be productive of much good, and therefore endorse the sentiment of the Grand Master of Illinois, that this system will supercede the reasons claimed by the friends of

a General Grand Body. I have received during the past year a diploma from the Grand Lodge accrediting a member of this Grand Lodge as their representative here, and also another from Dr Leigham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Unity, of Frankfort on Main, requesting a similar reciprocity. These documents are herewith submitted.

From the want of some more intimate relation with our Brethren of the Grand Lodges of this continent and Europe, our Library, which should afford the most ample recourse for Masonic information, is barren. Our collection of Masonic literature is respectable, but the transactions of Grand Bodies are very incomplete,—and more singular still, there is no full set of our own transactions. It should not be so.

My very able predecessor, whose every suggestion for the advance and prosperity of this Grand Lodge, evinced sagacity and judgment, urged the importance of forming Lodges of Instruction in the several Districts of the jurisdiction, as being the best measure to diffuse a correct knowledge of the Work and Lectures. These would form both pleasant and profitable re-unions among members of different Lodges, and I cordially reiterate his recommendation. One has recently been formed at Cambridgeport, under the auspices of the Brethren of Amicable Lodge, a body which enrolls as much Masonic intelligence as any of those in which I have had the honor to be officially interested. They have selected a good name and title, being the "John T. Heard Lodge of Instruction."

The Reports from the District Deputies are exceedingly encouraging. They show that the Order is flourishing, not only by numerical increase, but by the more gratifying fact, that there is a very decided improvement in the knowledge of the Work and Lectures. So much is this so, that during the year the Grand Lecturers have not been called to visit but very few. Their labors of the preceding years were not in vain: what they planted has produced the best fruits. I should commit an injustice both to my own sentiments and what is eminently due from this Grand Lodge, not to mention with gratitude the labors so well fulfilled by the District Deputy Grand Masters. Their duties are arduous and highly responsible. They have been successfully administered. In behalf of all the components of the Grand Lodge, I most cordially thank them.

The District Dep. G. Master of the 2d Masonic District, with that liberality which has ever characterized him: with that enlarged generosity in his every relation as a Mason, a citizen, and as a man, has refused any compensation for his expenditures in behalf of the Grand

Lodge. To him this gift may seem but a small matter, undeserving of this public acknowledgment. But as this is not the solitary, but only one of a thousand kindred acts, I shall not forbear this justice to his worth, though it may be repugnant to his delicacy.

The increase of initiates has been very large. In 1857 the number was 1092; in 1858, 951; in 1859, 1188; in 1860, 1323—making 136 more during the present than last year, which was unusually large.

The following Dispensations for new Lodges have been granted during the past year, viz:—

July 25. John Warren Lodge, Hopkinton, to Frederic H. Wakefield and others.

August 3. Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, to Wm. D. Coolidge and thirtyfive others.

August 23. Pacific Lodge, Amherst, to Henry Bridgman and others.

Oct. 10. Hancock Lodge, Methuen, to Stephen Huse and thirteen others.

Dec. 13. Aberdour Lodge, Boston, to Joseph E. Billings, P. Adams Ames, and others.

Masonic Halls have been dedicated and Lodges constituted at the following places:—

Jan. 10. Dedicated Hall at Milford.

Feb. 7. Dedicated Hall at Brighton.

Feb. 21. Dedicated Hall at E. Weymouth.

March 20. Dedicated and constituted Pilgrim Lodge at Harwich.

March 26. Dedicated and constituted Caleb Butler Lodge at South Groton.

July 10. Dedicated and constituted David Wilder Lodge at Leominster.

Sept. 18. Dedicated Hall and constituted Martha's Vineyard Lodge, Tisbury.

Sept. 23. Dedicated Hall and constituted John Cutler Lodge, Abington.

Sept. 27. Dedicated Hall and constituted Orange Lodge, Orange.

Oct. 5. Dedicated Hall and constituted Oxford Lodge, Oxford.

Oct. 16. Dedicated Hall, by Special Deputy, United Brethren, Marlboro.

Oct. 27. Dedicated Hall, by Special Deputy Wyzeman Marshall, at Foxboro.

Dec. 13. Charters were granted to Quinebaug Lodge, South-

bridge, and Hammatt Lodge, East Boston. These are to be soon constituted by my successor.

From the foregoing statement, it will be manifest that the year has been one of unprecedented activity, and of success, if numbers enter into the estimation of success. There have been many rejected. Let me urge upon you to make the standard of admission so high, that the composition of your Lodges be such, as to reflect honor on the institution. Without particularizing those qualities evidently indispensable for admission, as a useful life, an unwavering truth, an unblemished reputation, I beg you, for your peace, to regard the *disposition* of the applicant. See to it, that it is courteous, amiable, free from acrimony and causticity, temperate in discussion, cautious in the imputations of wrong intentions; in short, that it depart not by word or deed from the sphere of the gentleman and the Brother. He who has not his passions in due subjection among his Brethren, may prove a firebrand in the Lodge, inflaming and destroying the sacred edifice, by the unhallowed torch of an uncontrolled and devastating passion. To such a one a fool is preferable, for there is no general suffering from his stupidity, while the first may point a shaft of poisoned words to wound the whole of your numbers.

Remember that we gather here, remember that wherever Masons meet, it is around an altar, as Brothers of a Brotherhood extensive as the earth. Holy is that communion here, the essential teaching of which is of that commandment, which enjoins to "love thy neighbour as thyself." Among us all, may that true fraternal spirit and practice be so engendered and prevail, that it may inspire our hearts, as members of a great community, to those kindly feelings towards all of our fellow-citizens of this wide-spread land, which will conduce to the harmony and the preservation of a glorious Union. It is not out of place to say, that our institution may do much in this relation. "Peace on earth, good will to men," is the great constituent of Freemasonry. Therefore, introducing here no caustic allusion to sectional differences, no subject of political diversities, we can and should, as wielding a most powerful conservative influence, urge upon all of the household of our Faith, to cast the oil from our altars, o'er the troubled waters of political and sectional strife. It is those who meet, as we here are met, where differences are buried, acrimonies subdued, who can be powerful for so much general good, who hold in their hands the Olive Branch of Peace, who cherish in their hearts the warmest, widest philanthropy. With those feelings, unrestricted by space, undivided by local peculiarities, pray for the peace of our Zion, for the perpetuity

of the Union, for the consequent prosperity of our country, and for the continuance of those fraternal ties which, God grant, may be long continued to us all, whether of the North or South, East or West, as fellow-citizens and as Brothers.

As Presiding Officer of the Grand Lodge, my work is now done,—younger, wiser and better to succeed me, but none to whom I can yield, in devotion to the interests of the institution, or in love to all that concerns Massachusetts Masonry. To those who have been so long associated with me, the companions of my earlier and later days, I tender the assurance of my regard and gratitude, and trust they may long be spared to adorn the Order. Especially am I indebted to the officers of this year, who have lightened the labors, and cheered the official toils which devolved on the Chair. May a kind Providence smile on each and all of you, and continue that protection and success which have ever blessed our good cause.

On motion, R. W. Brothers J. V. C. Smith, Wells, and Hall were appointed a Committee to prepare Resolutions on the death of the late Rev. Brother Paul Dean.

R. W. Brothers Heard, Train, Dean, Flint, and Hutchinson were appointed a Committee to introduce the Grand Master elect for installation, and this duty having been attended to, the

R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, of Newtonville, was installed, in due and ancient form, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the ensuing Masonic year, by his immediate predecessor, M. W. Winslow Lewis.

The elected officers were then installed by the new G. Master.

The Grand Master then announced the following Appointments, and installed his Deputy and the District Deputy Grand Masters. The other appointed officers were installed by the Deputy Grand Master.

APPOINTMENTS.

- R. W. G. Washington Warren, of Charlestown, D. G. M.
 " Peter Wainwright, Boston, Cor. G. Sec.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., of Springfield, } G. Chaplains.
 " Wm. Nicholson, D. D., of Boston, }
 " Wm. W. Baker, of Boston, G. Marshal.
 " Sanford M. Hunt, of Boston, S. G. D.
 " Peter C. Jones, of Boston, J. G. D.
 " Wm. H. Sampson, of Boston, }
 " Isaac W. Follansbee, Dorchester, } G. Stewards.
 " E. D. Bancroft, Groton, }
 " D. McB. Thaxter, Boston, }
 " Wm. D. Stratton, Melrose, G. S. Bearer.
 " Isaac Cary, Newtonville, } G. Pursuivants.
 " J. W. Barton, Boston, }
 " Benj. F. Nourse, Cambridge, } G. Lecturers.
 " Isaac F. Seavey, Boston, }
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, Boston, Organist and Chorister.
 " Eben F. Gay, Boston, G. Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Benj. Dean, of Boston, | District No. 1. |
| " Wm. Sutton, South Danvers. | " 2. |
| " Wm. S. Gardner, of Lowell, | " 3. |
| " Daniel W. Taft, of Blackstone, | " 4. |
| " Z. L. Bicknell, of Weymouth, | " 5. |
| " Henry Goddard, of Worcester, | " 6. |
| " James M. Cook, of Taunton, | " 7. |
| " Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, | " 8. |
| " Wm. S. Shurtleff, of Springfield, | " 9. |
| " W. B. C. Pearsons, of Holyoke, | " 10. |
| " John K. Hall, of Somerville, | " 11. |
| " Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, | " 12. |
| " C. T. Ward, Special Deputy for Chili, S. A., | " 13. |

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

Brothers William Read, Eben F. Gay, Robert L. Robbins.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

Winslow Lewis, Chas. W. Moore, Rev. G. M. Randall.

The organization of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year having been completed, the usual proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal, after which the new Grand Master delivered the following Address, which was well received by the Brethren, and, on motion of Brother Heard, referred, together with the Address of the retiring

Grand Master, to a Committee, consisting of Brothers Heard, Dean, and Moore.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Master was adopted.

ADDRESS OF THE NEW GRAND MASTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN—

While our hearts are filled with the genial influences and sweet sympathies of the Annual Christian Festival of Christmas, our own festival of St. John the Evangelist comes in to enlarge and to gladden our hearts anew.

The study and the duties of the day are over—the insignia of office have been placed on the neck of those who for the coming year are to fulfil its duties, and the announcement has just been made that all is now ready for another year of effort and duty. Allow me, Brethren, a few of the last moments of a day so filled with activity, to express the emotions of my heart on being placed by you in a position of so much honor as that to which you have called me.

I cannot find language adequately to utter my appreciation of the distinguished honor of this election ; its value and extent are derived from the known character of those who come up hither, entrusted with the dearest and best interests of our fraternity, and I desire to express my most profound gratitude for this distinguished mark of your partiality. I feel its responsibilities, Brethren, and I enter upon its duties distrustful of my own abilities, but with a firm reliance on the guidance of that wisdom which cannot err, and the continuance of that love and protection which are so marked in the past. I enter upon it, feeling that I shall meet with your kind and charitable judgment on my acts, and a reliance that I shall ever meet your cordial co-operation in everything calculated to promote the interest and welfare of our beloved institution. In this hopeful spirit I enter upon these duties, cheered with the presence of the wise and the good who have preceded me ; strengthened by their example and guided by their counsels, and pledging whatever of ability I possess to do all in my power to promote the honor, the usefulness and the happiness of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

To him, my immediate predecessor, who uttered so feelingly and beautifully the welcome to the coming guest, so I, my dear Brother, would utter a God speed to the parting one,—parting only that you

may be relieved from the cares of official station—drawn the warmer and more closely towards you by having been thought to be worthy to follow you,—one who has learned the great lesson of Masonic culture, and who has exhibited it in all your life; the possession of a warm, genial and affectionate heart; and now, my Brother, that, after thirty years' experience, you lay down the honors which would most gladly have been continued to you, I know I express the feeling of every heart present, now that the labors are over, that you may long enjoy that peace "which nothing earthly gives or can destroy, the soul's calm sunshine and the heartfelt joy. 'Tis virtue's prize."

I cannot in this connexion omit to mention how much I shall feel indebted to the example of devotion and sound judgment manifested by your honored and beloved predecessor, whose statistical information and historical research have laid before us information so valuable and so timely. I do not expect to equal it—I can only strive to imitate it.

And let us all, as we look back upon the history and fidelity of those who preceded us, as we are permitted to look upon the faces of the living and study the characters of those eminent among us who have past away—let us all learn a lesson of fidelity to do in our day and generation whatever in us lies to prove the value of our principles, and transmit to our successors this invaluable institution, the better for our having been permitted to enjoy its opportunities and privileges.

I congratulate you also on the possession of these commodious and elegant apartments, in this valuable and increasing estate, growing more and more valuable every day,—fitted up with a degree of elegance and appropriateness not surpassed anywhere. The financial skill, the sound judgment, and the elegant and refined taste everywhere here displayed, call for our warm acknowledgments. It is now completed, and we are called to its enjoyments,—others have labored, and we now enter into their labors. It is for us to preserve and improve what their skill and diligence have produced. The corporation, as such, is now fully organized, and all seems prepared, to our hand, to enter in and enjoy; and, in order that we may the more fully enjoy, let us, by the strictest economy and care, as soon as may be, from our income, extinguish all liabilities to which the G. Lodge may be subject, so that we may have the entire ownership in a few years, and giving us more and more enlarged means to meet the continued calls for charity, which it is our glory and happiness so amply to bestow on the deserving of our own number, and that we may all feel that,

should we suddenly be called away, the widow and orphan's heart will be made to beat for joy, by the prudent foresight and wise provision we make of the means for their relief.

"He that hath soothed a widow's woe,
Or wiped an orphan's tear, doth know
There's something here of heaven."

Brethren—I congratulate you upon the favorable condition and the pleasing circumstances under which we now enter on another year of Masonic duty. The statements made by the retiring Grand Master show a degree of numerical prosperity never before equalled; it shows a degree of interest in the public mind never before so strongly evinced. Brethren, let me say to you briefly, it carries with it an admonition to be watchful at every portal. You can have your choice, and none but the best from the community should be permitted to enter, and it is our own fault if any others do; therefore, let me enjoin it upon you, Brethren, to strive rather to improve than increase; it is not in numbers, but in sterling worth, in warm and sympathizing hearts and ready hands that our strength and prosperity consist.

Go on, Brothers, in the cultivation of every noble and manly quality,—let the pure principles of our Order rule and regulate your lives; let justice, temperance, mercy, truth and charity, be the prevailing sentiments of your hearts, and let those hearts be warmed and kindled, so that—

"Friend, parent, neighbor, first it will embrace—
Your country next, and next all human race.
Wide and more wide the o'erflowings of the mind,
Take every creature in of every kind.
Earth smiles around with boundless bounty blest,
And Heaven beholds its image in our breast."

While the spirit of estrangement and alienation is all around us, let us draw more closely than ever the bonds of fraternal union, and learn more deeply than ever, "How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity," and "may Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces"; for my Brethren and companions' sake, I will say, "Peace be within thee."

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at half-past 9 o'clock, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

A procession was then formed of the subscribers to the "Annual Feast," and proceeded to the Banqueting Hall, where the Brethren celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, "after the manner of Masons."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 17th, 1860.

WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.*

As I sit down to report to you the condition of the First Masonic District, over which, by your partiality, I have the honor to preside, I find myself embarrassed by the monitory I have everywhere met with. It is, however, a monitory of peace and good will among the Brethren in an uninterrupted strain. The tidings are good in every respect,—the Brethren everywhere “dwell together in unity;” they do their work well,—they everywhere carefully scrutinize applications for admission.

My visits to them have been uniformly of the most agreeable character; all the Lodges striving to manifest their loyalty to the Grand Lodge, by giving to her representative a distinguished reception.

I need not speak to you of those occasions when you were present; nor about that moving spectacle, as I entered St. John's Lodge—where I was made a Mason and a member,—that good “Mother Lodge” now a century and a quarter old—while the Brethren were singing “Home Sweet Home”; nor of my visits to St. Andrew's, Mount Tabor, Monitor—nor of the elegant reception by our own Winslow Lewis Lodge, whose members are so proud of their name. You by your presence added dignity to all of those occasions, and any attempted description of mine would fall so far short of the reality that the impressions made upon the mind would be marred thereby.

I was also much gratified by my visits to Amicable and Baalbec Lodges. Amicable Lodge is distinguished for the proficiency of her members—boasting thirty capable of filling every office.

Is she not probably in that respect the Banner Lodge of the York Rite?

Baalbec Lodge is composed, to a considerable degree, of our seafaring Brethren, who, for the time being, find at her meetings a "peaceful haven where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary find rest."

I ought not to omit to mention the commemoration of that remarkable event—the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Membership of the R. W. Bro. John B. Hammatt in St. John's Lodge. As he leaned upon your arm while the Worshipful Master presented him with a Member's Jewel, I wondered what other association could exhibit such a sight. It is peculiarly gratifying to record that, while the oldest Lodge in this country celebrated such an event, the youngest Lodge in my jurisdiction—then under Dispensation—by adopting his name, had taken measures to perpetuate his memory. May Hammatt Lodge prove as true to her engagements as the aged Brother from whom she derives her name!

It is unnecessary to add that Mount Lebanon, Bethesda, Pequonsette and Revere Lodges have added to the high reputation they have heretofore borne.

In the 1st District there have been 172 Initiates, contributing to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge \$588, including the annual Grand Lodge fees.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Board of District Deputies have been fraught with peculiar benefits to the fraternity.

Many interesting questions of Masonic Jurisprudence have been discussed and settled, thereby securing a uniformity of action throughout the Commonwealth, and a combined and consolidated strength, which could not have been otherwise obtained.

Allow me to congratulate you, that upon retiring from the active duties of Grand Master, you leave to your honored successor so united and prosperous a jurisdiction; that you carry with you in that retirement so due to you, but so reluctantly yielded by your Brethren, the love and respect of an entire fraternity, who needed only your permission to have elected you in perpetuity. But, though as Grand Master you may disappear, your "virtues are placed upon perpetual record," and their impress upon the institution will be felt forever.

"The vase you may break, destroy if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

Faithfully yours,

BENJ. DEAN,

Dist. Dep. G. M. of the 1st Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Salem, Dec. 31, 1860.

To the M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Second Masonic District, as at present constituted, is composed of ten Lodges, viz : Philanthropic, at Marblehead ; St. John's, at Newburyport ; Tyrian, at Gloucester ; Essex, at Salem ; St. Mark's, at Newburyport ; Jordan, at South Danvers ; Liberty, at Beverly ; Mount Carmel, at Lynn ; Warren, at Amesbury, and Ashler, at Rockport. I state these in the order of the date of their Charters ; the first going back to March 25th, 1760 ; and the last, having been chartered in 1851. All of them I have visited during my official year—some of them several times. I have also endeavored, in every other practicable way, to inform myself as to their condition and prospects. Not having previously to my appointment any personal knowledge of most of these Lodges, I cannot institute any comparison with former years ; but I can most confidently Report, that their present condition is highly prosperous, and such as to give the most encouraging promise for the future. There is no one of them in which entire harmony and good feeling does not prevail ; there is no one in which the *observances* of the Order are not substantially maintained and the *work* respectably performed, while in some there is a degree of exactness and excellence which, I believe, it would be difficult to find surpassed anywhere.

It will be seen by the returns accompanying this Report, that there has not been so many initiations the present year as during the previous one ; but the successful candidates have been of quite as high character as heretofore, and have been sufficiently numerous. I have endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the importance of *quality* rather than *quantity*, that, in order to maintain the true standard, they should regard the qualifications, moral, intellectual and social, of the members, rather than the number ; and I am happy to be able to say that they have endeavored, and with good success, to practice upon this rule.

From the information I have received, I have no reason to doubt but that *at least* the usual amount has been done in the way of Charity during the year, and that many a distressed worthy Brother, and many widows and orphans of deceased Brethren, have had new reason to be grateful for our bounty, and to implore the blessing of Heaven upon our ancient institution.

In conclusion, I have only to say, that so far as regards the District

which you have done me the honor to place under my care, I have seen nothing to indicate any decline in Masonry. On the contrary, everything denotes a healthy vigor and strength, and gives the most cheering assurance of a permanent and enduring prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. SUTTON,

D. D. G. M. 2d District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At the close of the Masonic year, it becomes my duty to report to you the condition of the several Lodges comprising the Third District, and, as your Deputy, to return an account of my stewardship over this portion of your jurisdiction. I had the honor, a few years since, to visit these Lodges frequently in company with a former District Deputy Grand Master, and I can therefore judge with some correctness of their comparative advancement and improvement.

Peace and tranquility prevail to an unusual degree among the Brethren. The great principle of Brotherly Love and affection seems to pervade their hearts and actuate their motives. I have heard no complaint, either written or by word of mouth, from any of the Lodges, or concerning any member. There has been no discord throughout the District, and it is with great pleasure that I report it to you in a safe, quiet and harmonious condition.

Saint Paul's Lodge, Groton, composed of thirty members, is presided over by our W. Br. E. D. Bancroft, who has done so much for Masonry in this and adjoining District. He is eminently qualified to be a teacher of the doctrines and ritual of our Order. He and his officers are technically accurate in performing all their duties. The custom in this Lodge of fully instructing each candidate for advancement in the Lecture of the degree through which he has passed, and of examining him in open Lodge, could be adopted in other Lodges with manifest advantage. I visited this Lodge at its annual meeting. The aged and venerable John Walton, M. D., one of the oldest living graduates of Harvard College, (of the class of 1791, that following that of Ex-Prest. Quincy,) was present, and dined with the Brethren. He was one of the original petitioners for the Charter which was granted in 1791. He has been a Mason for more than *sixty-four* years.

The occasion derived additional interest, from the fact that this *sixty-third* annual meeting of the Lodge was also the *ninetieth* birth-day of our aged Brother.

Corinthian Lodge, Concord, has fiftythree members. My visit here was made under somewhat adverse circumstances. A State Convention of Teachers was in session in the town, and the Brethren were generally engaged in hospitable acts towards their guests. With the exception of Saint Paul's, this is the smallest Lodge in the District. Some of the Brethren are advanced in life, and some of its members are scattered through the neighboring towns. The Work is in strict conformity with that taught by the Grand Lecturers. It is a fact worthy of note, that the W. Master has been present at every meeting, regular and special, throughout the year. An interesting history of this Lodge has been written and published by Past Master Louis A. Surette, which is full of interest to every Mason in Massachusetts.

Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg, with eightysix members, is in a most flourishing condition. The officers are well selected and perform their work with great promptness and exactness. The W. Master seems to inspire the Lodge with zeal and activity. The Brethren have decorated their Hall with an elegant oil portrait of R. W. Jonas A. Marshall, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, and Past Master of Aurora Lodge, who continues to take the same interest in the welfare of Masonry and of the prosperity of this Lodge that he did in his younger days.

Merrimack Lodge, Haverhill, with one hundred and thirteen members, has perhaps made greater advancement than any Lodge in the District. Its Hall is fitted up with elegance, and with the several apartments, evinces remarkable taste; luxurious comfort is combined with architectural beauty and general convenience. The Brethren are zealous, active Masons, the officers able and efficient workmen, and the Lodge is an ornament to the jurisdiction.

Pawtucket Lodge, Lowell, has one hundred and seventyseven members upon its roll, and is the largest in the District. Its meetings are very fully attended, and in the number of initiates the past year, it has exceeded any other Lodge. At the time of my annual visit the Hall was full. My predecessor, the R. W. William North, was chosen its Master at the last election of officers. This will be the *thirteenth* year that he has presided over a Lodge—having been Master in Connecticut and New Hampshire before the adverse days of Masonry. This Lodge is in a highly prosperous state.

Saint Matthew's Lodge, Andover, with fortytwo members, is in a healthy condition. The Brethren have returned to the Hall which they built and owned previous to the anti-masonic excitement, where so long

"The Trowel rested on the half-set stone."

The work is accurate and impressive.

Grecian Lodge, Lawrence, has one hundred and seventysix members, and is the only Lodge in this thriving manufacturing city. I did not find that interest among the members and that improvement which would naturally be expected. The work was well and accurately done. The officers present were well skilled in the ritual; but there has not been that interest taken in the meetings and in the work by the members generally, which there should be in a Lodge situated as this is, with such means and material at its command.

Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, has one hundred and thirtyfive members. It continues to be in the same prosperous condition which previous reports have described. Its members are principally young active men, who have not let their interest for the Lodge flag for a moment. The work is impressive,—every officer performing his duty promptly and effectively. The Brethren have decorated their Hall with life-size photographs of the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Caleb Butler Lodge, Groton Junction, with fortysix members, chartered and consecrated in March last, is full of the ebullition of youthfulness, and is overflowing with life, zeal and prosperity. I had the pleasure of installing the officers, in presence of a large assembly of both sexes, at their Lodge-room, and afterwards of partaking of a bountiful supper in a neighboring Hall, to which the members and invited guests were escorted by a band of music.

Wilder Lodge, Leominster, was chartered and consecrated in June last, and you had an opportunity then of witnessing its condition. It is established on a sound basis and is in a thriving condition. The Work and Lectures are correct, and the officers are well versed in the ritual.

I have granted *three* Dispensations to confer the degrees in less time than the constitutional requirement—the reasons given therefor being, in my judgment, good and sufficient.

I have countersigned a petition of several Masons—members of *Grecian Lodge, Lawrence*,—praying for a new Lodge to be established at Methuen. A Dispensation has since been granted them by you to hold a Lodge at that place under the name of *John Hancock*

Lodge. I have not visited it, but I learn that it has been opened under the most favorable auspices.

Every Lodge in the District is in a most creditable condition. This is an unmistakeable type of the flourishing state of our Order all over the Commonwealth and throughout the country at large.

The great similarity of work (there being but some slight verbal differences) among the several Lodges, is an evidence of the great labor bestowed upon the ritual and lectures by the various officers.

It is highly gratifying thus to be able to assure you of the increase and prosperity of our institution. That improvements can and will be made, there is no question. No such society was ever perfect; but so long as the Lodges remain true to the principles and constitutions of Masonry, they cannot decline.

You have already announced that it is your intention to retire from the active duties of Masonry at the end of the present year. Your life has been devoted to the interests of our Order, and you will leave the East of the Grand Lodge with the kindest wishes and most affectionate remembrance of all your Brethren.

"Serus in cælum redeas, diuque
Lætas intersis populo Quirini."

I remain, fraternally,

Your very obedient servant,

WM. S. GARDNER,

Lowell, Dec. 1, 1860.

D. D. G. M. 3d District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Blackstone, Dec. 12, 1860.

To the M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Esq.,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR—Having received of you the honor of an appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, I herewith present you a Report of the several Lodges placed under my care,—all but one of which I have visited one or more times during the year,—and I am pleased to inform you that they are all in a flourishing condition and generally harmonious.

Montgomery Lodge, Milford, has one hundred and twentyseven members, and has accepted and initiated thirtythree candidates and rejected ten during the past year. I visited this Lodge in July and witnessed the conferring of the Third Degree upon three candidates.

The work was very well done—and, from the attendance of members, I should judge that much interest is taken in the institution. This Lodge has fitted up a beautiful and commodious Hall, which will compare favorably with any other in the Commonwealth, and which was consecrated to Masonry in the usual form by the officers of the Grand Lodge in January last.

Olive Branch Lodge, Millbury, has thirtyfour members, and has initiated nine the past year. This Lodge has made decided advances during the year—and from what I saw when making my official visit, I should judge that they would in time rank with the best working Lodge in this District. It has recently elected to office young men who have acquired a good knowledge of the Work and Lectures of the several degrees.

Solomon's Temple Lodge, Uzbridge, has thirtyfour members, and has had seven initiates. This is one of the oldest Lodges in the District, and has had many things to contend with in years past, which have retarded its growth. For the last three or four years they have elected to office young men who take a deep interest in the welfare of the fraternity. Its work is well done, and with a commendable effort to conform to the standard adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Franklin Lodge, Grafton, has a membership of twentyfive, and have initiated eight during the year. I visited Grafton on the day of their stated communication in November, but, owing to an engagement to install Solomon's Temple Lodge, was prevented from remaining to attend their meeting. From conversation with my predecessor in office, R. W. Levi Rawson and W. M. Geo. W. Crombe, Jr., I learned that the communications of this Lodge had been thinly attended, and the interest of Brethren in the affairs of the Lodge and Masonry generally had been lost. Harmony and good feeling among the Brethren during the year had not always prevailed, and the advancement and welfare of the Lodge injured thereby. From what I could learn, I should judge that harmony and good feeling are being restored, and that in time the Lodge will again make an advance in the Work and Lectures. It has good members for both—those capable of doing honor to themselves and Masonry.

Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, has a membership of fiftyfive, and has initiated thirteen during the past year. This Lodge has done a large amount of work, considering the field in which they labor. They have made three rejections, which indicates that a due inquiry is made into the moral character of applicants. They have not made

any advancement in the Work and Lectures during the year, which is owing, in a great measure, to a change in the organization soon after the commencement of this year, caused by the resignation of W. M. E. W. Clarke, thereby leaving vacant the office of Master for a number of months. They have material enough for a good working Lodge, and I hope they will soon be able to place it on an equal footing with any in the District.

Webster Lodge, Webster, has twentythree members, and has initiated four during the year. This is a new Lodge, and has the smallest membership of any in the District. Their work is poorly done, and they will require the services of a Grand Lecturer before they will be able to confer the degrees according to Grand Lodge standard. There is also lacking that harmony and unity of feeling among the Brethren which is necessary for the establishment of a permanent Lodge. I trust that, by mutual concessions, harmony will ultimately prevail. The records of this Lodge have been very poorly kept the past year.

Oxford Lodge, Oxford, working under Dispensation, has initiated ten—making the whole number initiated in this District the past year eightyfour. Dues to Grand Lodge, \$288.

I have received only two applications for Dispensations for the conferring of degrees in less time than the Constitution of the Grand Lodge requires, one of which I granted.

Thanking you for the honor I have received,

I remain, truly and fraternally, yours,

DANIEL W. TAFT.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having had the honor of receiving the appointment as District Deputy for the Fifth Masonic District, I now present a brief statement of its condition.

Old Colony Lodge maintains about the same position as last year; its officers and members are interested in the work and prosperity of the Lodge. During the year they have removed to a new Hall, which is well located and very neatly fitted up. There has not been as much work done the past as in previous years—but what has been done has been well done.

Rising Star Lodge. This Lodge was the only one in the District that did not return its Charter during the dark ages of antimasonry. For a number of years it conferred no degrees, but held its meetings,

elected its officers, and hoped for better days. It is now in prosperous circumstances,—its meetings are well attended, not only by the younger members, but by those who “kept the faith,” and are now “enjoying the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life.” May the day be far distant when the Lodge shall be deprived of their valuable councils.

Corner-Stone Lodge has done but little work, having initiated but two; but present indications are, that the ensuing year will be one of greater prosperity. I did not have an opportunity of witnessing the work in this Lodge—but the well-known ability of its past officers, and the interest manifested by the present ones, are a sufficient guaranty that the interests of the fraternity will be well attended to in that vicinity.

Rural Lodge. This Lodge has made great improvement, and now ranks among the best working Lodges in the District. Great credit is due the past as well as the present officers; and it shows how much may be accomplished where all move in harmony. This Lodge has newly furnished its Lodge-room, has full meetings, and is an honor to the District.

Norfolk Union Lodge reports nine initiated the past year, which indicates an increased interest in the principles of the fraternity in that vicinity, as but one had been received for the two preceding years. Its officers and members are active and its prospects encouraging.

Orphan's Hope Lodge has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity since the return of its Charter in 1856. It has since February occupied a new Hall built expressly for their use, very convenient, and furnished mainly by private contributions. Its officers are zealous, and members punctual in their attendance. Justice to this Lodge requires that some reference should be made to the report of the District Deputy for 1859. He says of this Lodge—“One thing is still wanting—a strict adherence to Masonic law. They too receive members from the jurisdiction of the neighboring Lodges, to a very considerable extent. Norfolk Union Lodge, at Randolph, and Rural Lodge, at Quincy, complain, with good cause, of their Brethren of Orphan's Hope Lodge in this particular.” As Master of Orphan's Hope Lodge at that time, I would say that Orphan's Hope Lodge never received any communication from the District Deputy, or either of the Lodges mentioned, intimating that Orphan's Hope Lodge had infringed upon their rights, and had no knowledge of any complaints until reading the District Deputy's Report in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Wishing to ascertain if such a feeling did exist

on the part of our sister Lodges, I instituted inquiries, the result of which was, that the District Deputy, in his official visit to Rural Lodge, informed them that Orphan's Hope Lodge had trespassed upon their rights in receiving propositions for the degrees from residents of Braintree. The subject was referred to a committee of Rural Lodge, which committee, after an investigation of the matter, decided that no cause for complaint existed—and I am not aware of any but the most friendly feelings existing between Norfolk Union, Rural, and Orphan's Hope Lodges.

Plymouth Lodge. There has not that harmony existed in this Lodge which is necessary for prosperity; and, as a consequence, it has not attained that proficiency in the work that is desirable, but I think that a better feeling now prevails, and that an improvement in this particular will be the result. The claim of Corner Stone Lodge upon this Lodge has been adjusted to the satisfaction of both Lodges.

Paul Revere Lodge. This Lodge has not done as much work as usual, having initiated but four. Weekly meetings are held for instruction and improvement, and if all the members should take the same interest that now seems to be confined to a few, I think it would become one of the most prosperous Lodges in the District.

John Cutler Lodge (working under a Dispensation) is doing finely, having initiated seventeen, "good men and true." Located in one of the most thriving towns in the Commonwealth, it bids fair to become a large and useful Lodge.

I have visited all the Lodges within the District at least once, and some of them several times, as I thought might be beneficial. My visits have been very pleasant to me, if not profitable to them. I have been kindly and courteously received by all the Lodges; formed many pleasant and agreeable acquaintances among the Brethren, for which opportunities you have my sincere thanks.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

Z. L. BICKNELL, D. D. G. M. of 5th Dist.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., M. W. Grand Master—

I have the honor to Report, that during the past year I have visited all the Lodges in the Sixth Masonic District, and in all of them except one, have examined some part of the work.

Morning Star Lodge has been visited several times, and I have seen

you, sir, it is looked upon with honor and respect, and is in a flourishing condition.

Pilgrim Lodge, of Harwich, and Martha's Vineyard Lodge, of Tisbury, have been constituted this last year—both of which give promise to be an honor to the Institution of Freemasonry.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

SYLVESTER BAXTER,

D. D. G. M. 8th M. District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Esq.,

G. M. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It is with pleasure I enter upon the discharge of the final duties of my office, viz., to communicate to you something of the condition of the Lodges embraced in my District.

I shall not weary your patience by going into a particular statement of the workings of each Lodge. The number of initiates in all the Lodges during the year is 36. The number of rejections during the year, you will notice by the Returns to the Grand Treasurer, is larger than usual—showing evidently a proper appreciation of our institution, and a laudable disposition to guard its portals—while some of the Lodges have done more, others have less than years previous, as the Returns to the Grand Treasurer will show.

On my annual visit to the several Lodges I found the records of all properly kept, and the Lodges generally in a flourishing condition. There is evidently a deep interest felt in keeping the work up to the standard of the ritual.

The Lodges in the western part of my District maintain the exalted position that has characterized them during the four years I have had the honor to hold the relation of District Deputy.

I would not fail to speak of Thomas Lodge, at Palmer, as one promising well for the future. I was most cordially received on my annual visit as a representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and at the same time installed their officers elect.

Hampden Lodge has initiated the largest number of any in this District, adding, by its new members, many valuable citizens. Here permit me to say, that this Lodge has attained to that point which I expressed the hope it would in my last Annual Report. A new board of officers have been elected and duly installed, and the coming year bids fair to be a prosperous and profitable one.

In conclusion, permit me to express to you my most tender regards for the honor you have conferred on me by designating me as your representative in this District. The occasion thus offered of forming an intimate acquaintance with our Masonic Brethren I cannot value too highly,—time will only reveal the benefits which are to be the result,—while I recount the pleasant associations formed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL REYNOLDS,

Springfield, Dec., 1860.

D. D. G. M. 9th District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

WINSLOW LEWIS, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Another Masonic year having passed away, and our official relations being about to terminate, I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, of presenting to your consideration a report of the Lodges composing the Tenth Masonic District.

The whole number of initiates during the year was sixtyeight, and the regular dues for the same, as well as for the Lodges, have been transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

I have visited all the chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction, and have observed the work in all, with one exception, and I believe their skill in the work is improving, as well as their knowledge of the ritual.

Chicopee Lodge, heretofore somewhat negligent of the authorized work, has lately employed a Grand Lecturer, and from his exertions and the desire of the Brethren for knowledge, we may expect rapid improvement.

I am happy to say that harmony and prosperity prevail in this District, and no questions or point of controversy has come under my observation during the year.

Sincerely thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me,

I remain, truly and fraternally,

Your obedient servant,

W. B. C. PEARSONS,

D. D. G. M. 10th District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Charlestown, Dec. 1st, 1860.

M. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, Esq.,

Grand Master of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—For the first time during the four years since the Eleventh District has been established, all the Lodges are those possessing Charters, there having previously been one or more working under Dispensation.

In the ten Lodges comprising this District there are 712 members, which is an increase of (91) ninetyone over the year ending Sept. 1st, 1859. One hundred and twentyfive (125) have been initiated during the year, which is twentyone (21) less than the year previous in the same Lodges. I am not aware of any particular subject which requires to be brought to your notice, or that needs any comment from me.

It affords me the greatest gratification to report, that the Lodges of the Eleventh District are in as good condition, in all respects, as they have ever been—I believe healthy, active, zealous, charitable, and harmonious.

Trusting that prosperity will not make any the less watchful and guarded, that zeal may be directed into the right channels, charity be liberally bestowed, and the peace and concord so freely inculcated by Masonic teachings, may continue to prevail throughout the Masonic fraternity,

I have the honor to remain your friend and Brother,

CHAS. B. ROGERS,

D. D. G. M. 11th District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Roxbury, Dec. 10, 1860.

TO WINSLOW LEWIS, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having completed the duties devolved upon me by the appointment which you so kindly conferred, I now have the pleasure to submit the report of my doings.

I have visited all the Lodges in the Twelfth District, and I am happy to state that no circumstance has occurred to render it necessary to particularize any Lodge in my report; harmony, good order, and prosperity, have prevailed in all.

I have been much gratified in my visits by the deportment of the

Lodges, the efficiency of the officers, and the good condition and appearance of the Lodge-rooms—and also to observe a strict conformity in their work to the ritual authorized by the Grand Lodge.

The number initiated during the year is 106 ; applicants rejected, 19 ; Dispensations granted, 11 ; amount paid the Grand Treasurer, \$366.

Allow me to add to the favorable report I am able to give of this portion of your jurisdiction, my congratulations on the success, harmony and prosperity of your administration, and my appreciation of the advantages which our beloved institution has derived, not only from your almost constant personal efforts, but by the rich Masonic experience acquired by a long and zealous devotion to the cause, which so eminently fitted you for the office you have so honorably filled.

Praying that a kind Providence may bless you with health and prosperity, and that you may be long spared to enjoy the benefits of that fraternal brotherhood you have labored so long to promote,

I remain, very truly and fraternally, yours,

SANFORD M. HUNT,

D. D. G. M. of the 12th M. District.

LIST OF LODGES.

The following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge:—

First District.

R. W. BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston.

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| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1853.) |
| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Winslow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Revere, Boston, (1857.) |
| Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) | Pequossette, Watertown, (1857.) |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Hammatt, East Boston, (1860.) |
| Mount Tabor, East Boston, (1846.) | |

Second District.

R. W. WILLIAM SUTTON, Salem.

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| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1760.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1766.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1852.) |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Caleb Butler, South Groton. |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Wilder, Leominster, (1860.) |
| Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) | John Hancock, Methuen, U. D. |
| St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) | |

Fourth District.

R. W. DANIEL TAFT, Blackstone.

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| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Blackstone River, Bl'kstone, (1856.) |
| Olive Branch, Sutton, (1797.) | Webster, Webster, (1858.) |
| Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, (1818.) | Oxford, Oxford, (1860.) |
| Franklin, Grafton, (1852.) | John Warren, Hopkinton, U. D. |

Fifth District.

R. W. Z. L. BICKNELL, Weymouth.

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| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) | Paul Revere, North Bridgewater, (1857.) |
| Rural, Quincy, (1801.) | John Cutler, Abington, (1860.) |
| Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) | |

Sixth District.

R. W. HENRY GODDARD, Worcester.

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| Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) | Montacute, Worcester, (1859.) |
| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Trinity, Clinton, (1858.) |
| Meridian, Natick, (1797.) | United Brethren, Marlboro', (1859.) |
| Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) | Quinebaug, Southbridge, (1859.) |
| Quaboag, Warren, (1859.) | |

Seventh District.

R. W. JAS. M. COOK, Taunton.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1798.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |
| St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) | Eureka, New Bedford, (1858.) |
| Star in the East, N. Bedford, (1823.) | Bristol, Attleboro', restored in 1859. |

Eighth District.**R. W. SYLVESTER BAXTER, Hyannis.**

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| King Hiram, Provincetown, (1795.) | Mt. Horeb, West Harwich, (1855.) |
| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1856.) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1901.) | Pilgrim, South Harwich, (1859.) |
| Union, Nantucket, (1771.) | Martha's Vineyard, Tisbury, (1860.) |

Ninth District.**R. W. WM. S. SHURTLEFF, Springfield.**

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| Cincinnatus, G. Barrington, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795.) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Lafayette, Adams, (North,) (1796.) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856.) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796) | Berkshire, Adams, (South,) (1858.) |
| Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) | |

Tenth District.**R. W. W. B. C. PEARSONS, Holyoke.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Orange, Orange, (1860.) |
| Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) | Pacific, Amherst, U. D. |
| Bethel, Enfield, (1825.) | |

Eleventh District.**R. W. JOHN K. HALL, Somerville.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856.) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Wyoming, Melrose, (1857.) |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1844.) | Mount Vernon, Malden, (1858.) |
| Putnam, East Cambridge, (1855.) | John Abbot, Somerville, (1858.) |
| Mount Hermon, Medford, (1855.) | Henry Price, Charlestown, (1859.) |

Twelfth District.**R. W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL, Boston.**

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| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Gate of the Temple, South Boston, (1856.) |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, (1857.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | Aberdour, Boston, U. D. |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Dalhousie, Newton, U. D. |
| St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) | |

CHARLES T. WARD, Jr., Special Deputy.

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| Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1854.) | Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, S. A., (1858.) |
| Southern Cross, Valparaiso, S. A., (1858.) | |

G. SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

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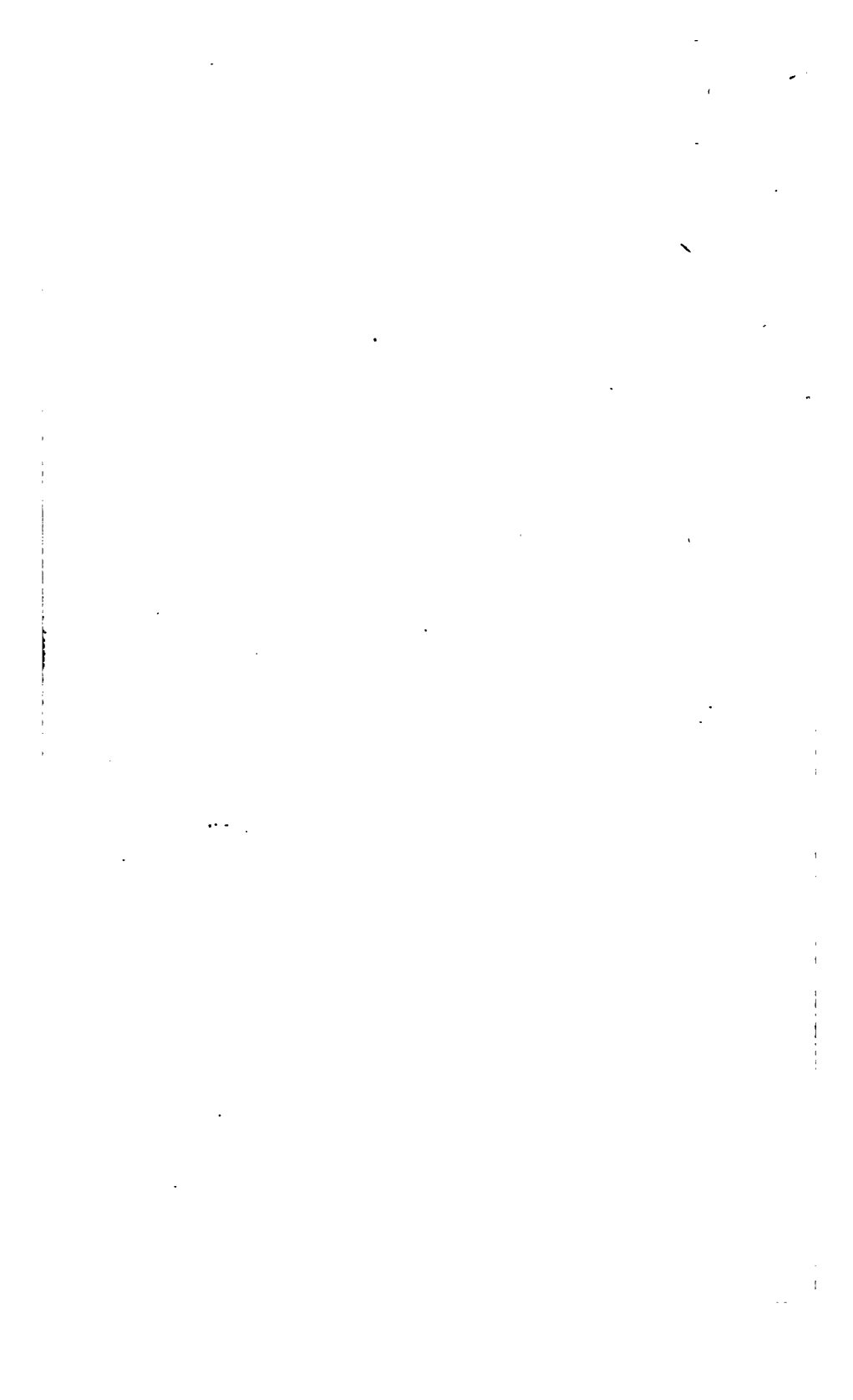
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 The M. W. Grand Master orders the presiding officers of the respective Lodges under this jurisdiction to cause this communication to be read in open Lodge ; and also the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Meetings of the Lodges.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 13, A. L. 5861.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, March 13, A. L. 5861.

P R E S E N T .

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| M. W. | WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, | G. Master. |
| R. W. | G. Washington Warren, | D. G. M. |
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| " W. B. C. Pearsons, | " No. 10. |
| " John K. Hall, | " No. 11. |
| " Wyzeman Marshall, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at quarter past 2 o'clock. Prayer by Br. Wainwright.

R. W. Bro. Heard offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge.

The undersigned, the Committee to whom were referred the valedictory address of M. W. Winslow Lewis and the inaugural address of M. W. William D. Coolidge, have given to them that careful and respectful consideration, which in view of the distinguished sources from which they emanated, they are entitled to command.

The enlightened counsel and fraternal admonitions of the retiring Grand Master, coming from one who for more than thirty years has with rare continuity of purpose devoted himself to our institution, cannot fail to receive the respect and attention of this Grand Lodge.

The commencement of his address contains a feeling tribute to the memory and worth of two of the oldest members and past officers of this body, in every word of which the Committee heartily concur; but as the Grand Lodge has already expressed itself in affectionate eulogy of the characters and services of these distinguished Brethren, all appropriate outward manifestation of our regard has been performed.

The favorable opinion of the Most Worshipful of the fitness of our present Masonic apartments, and the value of the property of which they are a part, we are happy to believe is shared by the Brethren generally. By prudent management of the income from this property, it is hoped, that, at no very remote day, the estate will be freed from

encumbrance, leaving it a source of most ample contributions to our charitable funds.

The Organ recently erected has, as the Most Worshipful truly avers, "added to the beauty of the Hall, in its architectural excellence, and given effect to the ceremonies." The Committee would add, that the only objection that could be made to its procurement was an expenditure of means, which it was desirable should be applied to the extinguishment of debt.

The Committee earnestly concur in the recommendation to give the influence of music to Masonic meetings. Its appropriateness all will acknowledge; its beneficence none will deny.

"How music charms!

How metre warms!

Parent of actions good and brave!

How vice it tames!

And worth inflames!

And holds proud empire o'er the grave?"

Masonic Libraries are a resource of a Lodge of modern adoption; but even now, very few Lodges have availed themselves of their advantages. Some fifty years ago this Grand Lodge undertook the formation of a Library, and collections of Masonic literature were began; but the undertaking soon died out. A revival of it took place a few years since, and has resulted, mainly through the efforts of Br. Lewis, in the creation of a library of excellence and value. In his address, now receiving our notice, the description of its character is given; though he modestly withholds all reference to his generous contributions to its shelves of many rare, useful and costly publications. If the spirit in which he has so persistently labored for this commendable object, were continued by others qualified for the task, and their pains-taking were sustained with due liberality by the Grand Lodge, we should soon be in possession of a library, not only in name, but of one embracing a mass of Masonic information no where else to be found in this country.

The Most Worshipful recommends the appointment by this Body of a Committee of Foreign Correspondence. Such a Committee exists in most of the Grand Lodges of this country, and their Reports refer to the transactions of the Grand Lodges, other than that which they represent. Doubtless an intelligent and judicious Committee, possessing such a charge, would gather a fund of information of interest to the members of this jurisdiction. A digest of the doings of the Brethren elsewhere, compiled with care and due discrimination, would be of great value to us; and become useful, oftentimes, in determining

matters personal, historical and legal. But the value of a report of such a Committee would depend largely upon the qualification of its members and their application to the arduous duties devolved upon them. A mere transcript of the printed transactions of corresponding Grand Lodges would form an incongruous collection of matter almost worthless for its voluminousness, and costing largely for publication.

Our attention is directed to the office of Corresponding Grand Secretary, from the incumbent of which, the Most Worshipful justly remarks, "should be derived information in regard to other G. Lodges." This office has been hitherto more ornamental than useful; but in future, it is hoped, it will possess both of these characteristics. That the functions belonging to it have not been exercised by its occupant, has been owing, perhaps, to the ancient practice which has prevailed of communicating through the recording officer. It has been the good fortune of the Grand Lodge for more than half a century, to have always in the last named officer one of our most intelligent and active Brethren; and it was natural, therefore, especially when the occasion for correspondence was less pressing than now, that all of it should have been conducted by one individual, and by him who from the nature of his station, was constant in his attendance upon the Grand Lodge and recorded its proceedings. The time seems now to have arrived when the corresponding officer, who is appointed as such, should exert his prerogatives. His services might be of the greatest benefit to us in facilitating our communications with other sections of our great and extended Brotherhood. To him might be confided the collection of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges; and he might perform the duties usually discharged by Committees of Correspondence. The almost daily production of Masonic literature, in occasional and periodical publications, it might be his province to gather together for our library, in the performance of which he might be authorized to employ the services of paid assistants when necessary. The printed transactions of the Grand Lodges in the United States, if collected by him, would alone cause him no little employment; to which he would have to add the labor to collect and otherwise prepare them for the library; a work which has hitherto been but imperfectly performed.

All that the Most Worshipful suggests in favor of introducing the Work and Lectures into the subordinate Lodges, meets with the hearty response of the Committee. Until every Lodge has the knowledge of them thoroughly, we cannot say that Massachusetts Freemasonry is perfect. It might not, perhaps, be too harsh a measure to deny to a Lodge the right to a vote in Grand Lodge which should be so derelict

in its duty as not to have the ritual entirely at its command—"word for word, letter for letter, comma for comma."

The great fund of information presented by the District Deputies, in their Reports to the Grand Master, entitles these officers to the commendation of the Grand Lodge, as well as to that which the Most Worshipful has been pleased to express.

In closing our remarks on this address, we beg to say, what we believe this Grand Lodge will be pleased to confirm, that in no other Masonic life of thirty years, can there be more to admire, more of true and disinterested devotion, and more of example worthy of imitation, than that of our highly esteemed Brother who lately presided over us. His parting council, therefore, merits, and will receive, our most respectful attention.

To the inaugural remarks of our present Grand Master, we have now the honor to bring your attention.

As might naturally be expected at the dawn of a new Masonic administration, he who presides over it would prefer to cheer and council by an exhortation to duty ; to direct our minds to the consideration of the principles of Freemasonry, and the prosperity and happiness which will attend our fidelity to them, rather than to present any specific recommendation of a business nature. The cheering and animating words of him who now presides were of a character to arouse us to a due sense of our duties and responsibilities as Masons. His fraternal advice was listened to with thoughtful attention ; and we may assure him that it will be our ambition to co-operate with and sustain him in the great work of his station. His ardent love for our institution, and his long experience in its affairs, ensure for him a successful official career ; one which will maintain, in undiminished lustre, the good name of Massachusetts Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

JOHN T. HEARD.

BENJ. DEAN.

The Committee on Resolutions on the death of the late R. W. Brother, Rev. Paul Dean, had permission to make their Report to the Grand Master, which they subsequently did, as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the death of a very highly valuable member of the Order to which we belong, beg leave to submit the following

R E P O R T .

With unfeigned sorrow the Grand Lodge deplores the death of one of the most worthy and devoted of the ancient brotherhood of Masons, the Rev. Paul Dean, a Past Grand Master of this oldest of the Masonic institutions in America. The solemn event occurred Oct. 1, 1860.

From his earliest connection with Masonry, and through all the trials and persecutions which the fraternity passed through during the vigor of his manhood, in this city,—this Commonwealth, and this country,—Brother Dean stood forth a pillar of strength—a safe counselor—an unflinching and reliable friend of an institution he both honored and adorned.

He was a man of enlarged views, whose gentle nature, spotless reputation and moral dignity, gave lustre to his Masonic character. He loved mankind and practiced what he taught, both by precept and example,—universal benevolence and universal charity.

Full of years,—revered, beloved and honored,—this good Brother has been taken from us, to be raised to higher degrees in the Lodge above, where the weary are at rest.

In view of this painful event to us, it is fitting occasion for contemplating the happy results of a well-spent life, as exemplified in the calm, Christian course of our recently deceased Brother.

Resolved, therefore, That while we deplore the loss of one who was so useful—so devoted and so thoroughly imbued with the genuine spirit of true Freemasonry, it behooves us to profit by the lesson of his unblemished career, that we may live as he lived—everywhere respected; that we may die as he died—everywhere lamented.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to address a letter of condolence to the bereaved family of the late Brother Dean, communicating the foregoing sentiments. And may God sanctify to them this dispensation of His righteous Providence.

The committee also submitted the following Resolution on the death of R. W. C. Gayton Pickman :—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge have sustained a great loss by the death of the R. W. C. Gayton Pickman, Esq., P. J. G. W. They have lost a Brother of distinguished intellectual ability and of the highest moral and religious worth,—one always devoted to the institution, and one who illustrated its benign teachings, by acts of kindness and liberality.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Chairman.*

Brother David Blaney was recognized as proxy for Philanthropic Lodge.

The Grand Master announced the death of the venerable Brother Mower, of Worcester, at the great age of *one hundred years*, for about *sixtyseven* of which he had been an active and consistent Mason. Whereupon, on motion, Brothers Lewis, Goddard and Knox were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable notice of the event for the records of the Grand Lodge.

W. Brother Lane, in behalf of the Committee to whom the appeal of Brother Daniel Grant, Jr., from the action of King Solomon's Lodge, was referred at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, offered the following Report, which after debate was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bro. Daniel Grant, Jr., have attended to their duty, and respectfully submit the following

R E P O R T .

The petitioner alleges that he has been unjustly, unmasonically and illegally deprived of his rights of membership in King Solomon's Lodge: that no charges were preferred against him; no trial had, and no opportunity given him for defence; and requests the Grand Lodge "to declare the proceedings of King Solomon's Lodge unmasonic, illegal and void."

The Committee have had before them the officers of the Lodge, and also the petitioner, and have heard all that they had to offer on the one side and on the other, and find that all the facts are correctly stated in the copy of the records of King Solomon's Lodge, set forth in his petition.

It seems that a great and unusual number of rejections had occurred in King Solomon's Lodge, and that the number was so great and unusual, that a Committee was appointed to investigate the cause.

The Committee of the Lodge upon investigation, found, that from the general conduct, demeanor and declarations of the petitioner, the members of the Lodge, with almost entire unanimity, were convinced that these rejections were the work of the petitioner, and from unworthy and unmasonic motives, and that his continued membership was incompatible with the legitimate objects of the Lodge, and subversive

of its peace, harmony and usefulness. The Committee, therefore, recommended to the Lodge the passage of the following Resolution :—

“Resolved, That the bearing, deportment and general conduct of Bro. Daniel Grant, Jr., during the past two years, has been such as to render his continued membership, in our opinion, incompatible with the legitimate Masonic purposes, the interest and harmony of this Lodge, and, that therefore, said membership be and is hereby terminated.”

The Report of the Committee was considered at a meeting specially called for the purpose ; the petitioner was notified, and was present. He was expelled by a vote of thirtyfive to four. Forty members being present—the petitioner being excused from voting, at his own request. The vote was by ballot.

The Committee appointed to investigate the cause of the numerous rejections, consisted of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge, and two Past Masters, who were Brethren having the good of their Lodge and the whole institution at heart ; and made their report after a careful and laborious investigation.

The method of making investigations by Committees, is in accordance with Masonic usage, and is probably the least objectionable one that could be pursued.

Indeed, no fault seems to have been found with this usual and ordinary course, and without any constitutional provision applicable to the precise case, the course of procedure must be left much to the good sense and discretion of the Lodges.

The objection that no charges were presented, no trial had, and no opportunity for defence given, are doubtless intended to apply to the course of the Lodge after the report of the Committee had been made. With reference to this, it is to be remarked, that the Committee recommend to the Lodge the passage of the Desolution before referred to as the result of their deliberations.

It was not proposed to try the Brother, or to adopt any course by way of punishment, but to separate him from the Lodge as a measure of self-protection.

Your Committee find that the petitioner was notified of the meeting at which the report was presented, and that the report would then be presented, and that he did not appear. He was also notified of the meeting at which it was to be acted upon, and was present. At this meeting he made no request for any further hearing ; did not ask to be heard in his defence ; did not offer to produce any additional testimony, and made no objection whatever to the course of procedure

At that time he had full opportunity to be heard. If he objected to the course of procedure, this was the time to have made his objection known. Not having made any objection whatever, after he had ample notice of the pending of the Resolution, and opportunity to be heard, he cannot now charge the Lodge with unjustly and unmasonically expelling him without opportunity for defence.

Your Committee consider that this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction over the membership of members in subordinate Lodges. The Constitutions do not give it, but, on the contrary, go so far in the opposite direction as to declare, in Art. V., Sec. 2, that when this Grand Lodge shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate Lodge, suspending or expelling a Brother from the privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

In accordance with this principle, this Grand Lodge has heretofore refused to interfere with the just and proper prerogatives of subordinate Lodges in this respect.

Your Committee being unable to agree with the petitioner in his declaration, that the proceedings of King Solomon's Lodge are unmasonic, illegal and void, recommend that no further action be taken in the premises.

WILLIAM N. LANE, } *Committee.*
BENJ. DEAN, }

On motion of R. W. Brother Warren, the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address, made Sept. 14th, 1859, and laid on the table, was taken up and referred to Brothers Warren, Randall and Goddard.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—JUNE 12, A. L. 5861.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, June 12, A. L. 5861, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.
 R. W. G. Washington Warren, D. G. M.
 " William North, S. G. W.
 " Jesse P. Pattee, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " W. W. Wheildon, C. G. S. p. t.
 W. William W. Baker, G. Marshal.
 " S. M. Hunt, S. G. Deacon.
 " William H. Sampson, }
 " Isaac W. Follansbee, } Stewards.
 " D. McB. Thaxter, }
 " W. D. Stratton, G. S. B.
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 " J. W. Barton, } G. Pursuivants.
 " Benj. F. Nourse, }
 " Isaac P. Seavey, } G. Lecturers.

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| " John K. Hall, | " No. 11. |
| " Wyzeman Marshall, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at quarter past 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by the Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Lewis offered the following Report, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered in the records :—

REPORT.

To record the death of one whose life has been protracted to a century, is seldom allotted to any "chronicler of the times." This long duration of existence, so seldom granted, is so striking an exception to the fiat which the Almighty established, as to our length of years, that the centenarian is a phenomenon of vitality.

If in addition to this great length of years, can be superadded the consistency of a virtuous life, an uniformity in the paths of honor and uprightness, truly the death of the departed is peculiarly worthy of note. That life which has so long "answered life's great end," should grace our Records as incentives to let our life thus shine.

In noticing the decease of our most venerable Brother Ebenezer Mower, of Worcester, who died Feb. 14th, 1861, aged one hundred years and four months, we have to record the death of one, who for sixty-seven years was a member of our Order, and was a true, zealous and faithful one, not only in profession but in practice.

He was initiated in Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, Feb. 18, 1794, and the same year became a member—R. W. Isaiah Thomas being the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He held many of the most active and important offices there, to the acceptance of his Brethren. Our venerable and highly respected Brother, Dr. John Green, informs us, that "he was esteemed, prompt and efficient in the discharge of every duty; honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow-men, and beloved by every one;" and entertained to the last, a strong and lively interest in that institution to which he dedicated his youth, manhood and old age.

Length of years was vouchsafed to him, but better than this, was conscientiousness of a long and well spent life.

The Grand Secretary presented the Dispensation, Records, By-laws and Returns of John Warren Lodge, Hopkinton, together with a petition for a Charter for the same, which were referred to Brothers Warren, Cary and Hunt, who subsequently reported, that the requirements of the Grand Lodge having been complied with, the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a Charter to the petitioners, which Report was adopted.

The Dispensation, &c., of Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, was also returned and referred to Brothers Heard,

Lewis and Nourse; who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom were referred the petition for a Charter, the Records and the By-Laws of Dalhousie Lodge, of Newton, would respectfully

REPORT:

That the Records have been neatly and discreetly kept, and give, evidently, a faithful account of the proceedings of the Lodge.

There are some provisions in the By-Laws, which, in the opinion of the Committee, are extraneous, and should be dispensed with. They are not, however, peculiar to the code under notice, as they are contained in many of the laws adopted by other Lodges. The provisions referred to are those relating to the duties of certain officers, which are so well known, and are so fully defined by our Constitutions and other General Regulations, as to render superfluous the repetition of them in the By-Laws of a subordinate Lodge. Besides, in some instances, the functions of an office are too fully declared to preserve that privacy which belongs to the transactions of a Lodge room. It may properly be questioned, therefore, whether the By-Laws of Dalhousie Lodge, designating the duties of Master, Wardens, Deacons and Stewards should not be omitted. The duties of Treasurer and Secretary it may be advisable to particularize at length in the laws of each Lodge, as they are not necessarily the same in every case.

The Committee object to Lodge regulations which give to any officer independent authority, in any particular, during the presence of any Master, to whom every officer should be subordinate.

In Art. 2d of Dalhousie Lodge By-Laws, the Master is required to consult with the Wardens in relation to the appointment of certain officers. The Committee think that it is due to the character of the Master's office to give to him the entire subject, when the Lodge surrenders its privilege to elect them.

The same Article gives the power to remove appointed officers to the Master. This cannot be done, after their installation, without violation of Masonic law.

Again, the same Article further provides, that officers failing to perform their office duties for a given time, shall thereby be deemed to have resigned; which is contrary to the discipline in such cases, as sustained by the highest Masonic jurists.

The Committee recommend that Article 2d be altered to meet the objections they have pointed out.

They make no recommendation for the action of the Grand Lodge relative to the other by-laws referring to the duties of officers ; but would have their views entertained by the petitioners.

Some slight verbal changes, it is desirable, should be made, which are designated by pencil marks and interlineations.

The Committee also recommend, that the Charter asked for by Dalhousie Lodge be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. HEARD,
WINSLOW LEWIS, } Committee.
B. F. NOURSE,

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a patriotic Circular which he had recently received from the Grand Master and other distinguished Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, on the lamentable condition of our beloved country ; expressing the hope, that " if the sword must still be the last resort, and accepted as the final arbiter, the Brethren engaged in the awful contest might remember that a fallen foe is still a Brother, and as such is entitled to our warmest sympathies and kindest attentions. And concluding with the prayer, " That God, in his infinite mercy, might incline the hearts of His people to ways of peace, and paths of pleasantness, and that He may dissipate and disperse the storm-cloud of destruction which seems to hang so fearfully above us."

The Circular was referred to the Grand Master, with a request to acknowledge the receipt of it, and respond to its fraternal sentiments.

R. W. Brother Warren, in behalf of the Committee on the Grand Master's address of 1859, made a verbal Report, to the effect, that the subject therein discussed had been disposed of by the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge ; and therefore the Committee ask to be discharged.

The Report was adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Grand Secretary then took occasion to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the interesting and remarkable fact, that there was a venerable and beloved Brother present, who had, *this day*, attained to the advanced age of *eightythree* years, and that for more than *sixty* of which he had been an active, faithful and consistent Mason !

It was remarkable that one of the great age of R. W. Brother JOHN B. HAMMATT, should be able to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge at all, and it was an exceedingly interesting coincidence, that the regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge should this year have fallen on the anniversary of his *birth day*. The announcement was received with marked interest by the Grand Lodge, and the R. W. Brother Heard expressed the hope that the fact might be entered in the Record, and briefly narrated some of the most prominent facts in the Masonic life of our aged Brother.

There being no further business, the Grand Master stated that he had accepted an invitation, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to lay the Corner Stone of the new "Harvard Street Methodist Episcopal Church," at Cambridgeport; and invited the members present to unite with the Grand Officers in the performance of that duty. A procession was then formed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded, under an escort, politely tendered by the Boston Encampment of Knights Templars, to the site of the proposed new edifice, where the Corner Stone was laid in ancient Masonic form, and in the presence of a large assemblage of Brethren and citizens.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Hall, and was closed, in ample form, at half-past 8 o'clock, P. M.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 11, A. L. 5861.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, September 11, A. L. 5861.

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| " Wyzeman Marshall, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Brother Pope.

The Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the Records, By-Laws and Returns, with petitions for Charters from Pacific Lodge, Amherst, and John Hancock Lodge, Methuen, both of which had been working for the past year

under Dispensation. Whereupon, on motion, the former were referred to Brothers Moore, Lewis and Cary, and the latter to Brothers Stratton, Sampson and Tabor.

These Committees subsequently submitted the following Reports, which were adopted :—

The Committee to whom were referred the petition of L. F. Conkey and others, who have the past year been working as a Lodge under Dispensation, at Amherst, in the County of Hampshire, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That the By-Laws submitted for approval, and the proceedings of the Lodge, are in conformity with the requirements of the Grand Lodge; that the returns are correctly made, and that all dues have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer. They therefore recommend, that in compliance with the particular request of the petitioners, the Charter of the old Pacific Lodge, bearing date June 8th, 1801, and which was surrendered to this Grand Lodge during the antimasonic excitement, be granted to them, with all its original powers and privileges. Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. MOORE
WINSLOW LEWIS.

Freemasons' Hall, Sept. 11, 1861.

Grand Lodge, Sept. 11, 1861.

The Committee appointed on the petition of John Hancock Lodge, Methuen, have attended to their duty, and would

R E P O R T :

That they find the Records of the Lodge correctly and beautifully kept.

The By-Laws in accordance with the Constitutions of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and would recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM D. STRATTON, }
W. H. SAMPSON, } Committee.
HENRY TABOR, 2d,

Brother H. J. Joslin was recognized as Proxy for Webster Lodge, and Brother Benj. Brown for Union Lodge, Nantucket.

At this stage of the proceedings the venerable Brother Wilson, of Framingham, was introduced to the M. W. Grand Master, as a Brother eightyfive years of age, and who was Master of the late Fredonia Lodge, under this jurisdiction, from 1820 to 1829. He was received by the Grand Master in a few congratulatory words, and introduced to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, whom he thanked for the attention shown him, and narrated in a few brief and touching words, the outline of his personal Masonic history. It being stated that his circumstances were low, and that a small donation would add to his personal comfort during the winter, it was

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to make him a donation of fifty dollars from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Brother Hall presented the proceedings of Mount Vernon Lodge, Malden, expelling from the privileges of Masonry, Webster D. Holden; which were referred to Brothers Hall, Thaxter and Bicknell, who subsequently made a verbal Report, recommending that the proceedings of the Lodge be approved, and the expulsion confirmed. The report was adopted.

The proceedings of St. John's Lodge, Boston, resulting in the expulsion of Lewis Stebbins, a member of said Lodge, were presented and referred to Brothers Gardner, Warren and Dean. And this Committee subsequently offered a Report, which was read and laid on the table until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The amended By-Laws of Massachusetts Lodge were presented for approval, and referred to Brothers Dean, McClellan and Trull, with authority to report to the Grand Master.

On motion of Brother Thornton, it was

Voted, That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in addition to former grants, be appropriated for charitable purposes for the current year, to be disbursed by the Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge.

There being no other business, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 5 o'clock.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 11, A. L. 5861.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, December 11th, A. L. 5861.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.
 R. W. G. Washington Warren, D. G. M.
 " William North, S. G. W.
 " Jesse P. Pattee, J. G. W.
 " Thomas Tolman, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " Peter Wainwright, C. G. S.
 W. William W. Baker, G. Marshal.
 " S. M. Hunt, S. G. Deacon,
 " Peter C. Jones, J. G. D.
 " William H. Sampson, }
 " Isaac W. Follansbee, } G. Stewards.
 " E. D. Bancroft, }
 " D. McB. Thaxter, }
 " W. D. Stratton, G. S. B.
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| " William S. Shurtleff, | " No. 9. |
| " John K. Hall, | " No. 11. |
| " Wyzeman Marshall, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at quarter past 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev Dr. E. M. P. Wells.

Brother Sylvester Bense was recognized as Proxy for Fraternal Lodge, Hyannis.

A number of delegates not having their official jewels with them, were permitted by special vote of the Grand Lodge, to take their seats without them.

The Auditing Committee submitted their Report for the past year, which was adopted.

A petition for a Charter from the Brethren of Aberdour Lodge, accompanied by the Dispensation under which they had been working for the past year, together with the records of their doings, and a copy of a code of By-Laws for their future government, was presented and referred to Brothers Gamwell, Jones and Gregory, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Aberdour Lodge for a Charter, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to

R E P O R T :

That they have examined the Records and By-Laws of said Lodge, and with certain slight alterations in the By-Laws, which have already been suggested by the M. W. Grand Master, and which he understands will be altered to conform with said suggestions, are correct, and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

We would therefore recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted when those alterations are made.

A. H. GAMWELL,
PETER C. JONES,
S. H. GREGORY.

Boston, Dec. 11, A. L. 5861.

A copy of the proceedings of Middlesex Lodge against Charles E. Horne, were presented and referred to Brothers Dean, Sampson and Goddard, and this Committee subse-

quently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

R E P O R T.

M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts—

The undersigned Committee, appointed to investigate the proceedings of Middlesex Lodge in expelling Charles E. Horne from the benefits of Freemasonry, have carefully attended to that duty, and as the result of their labors, respectfully recommend that said proceedings and expulsion be confirmed.

BENJ. DEAN,
W. H. SAMPSON,
HENRY GODDARD.

December 11, 1861.

The Grand Master announced the death of the R. W. Brother, Hon. Sylvester Baxter, late District Deputy G. Master for the Eighth District, and appointed Brothers Lewis, Paige, and Gardner, a Committee to prepare and report suitable Resolutions commemorative of the event.

The Committee on Charity submitted their annual Report, which was adopted.

The hour for the election of Officers having arrived, a return of the number of voters present was ordered, and Brothers Lewis, Goodwin and Cook were appointed a Committee to collect, count and report the votes.

The election then proceeded, and the following Brethren were elected :—

- M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, of Newtonville, Grand Master.
- R. W. HENRY CHICKERING, of Pittsfield, Senior Grand Warden.
- “ PETER C. JONES, of Newton, Junior Grand Warden.
- “ JOHN MCCLELLAN, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.
- “ CHAS. W. MOORE, Boston, Grand Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- R. W. Brothers John T. Heard, of Boston ; Winslow Lewis, of Boston ; William North, of Lowell ; G. Washington Warren, of Charlestown, and William Parkman, of Boston.

[The M. W. Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Rec. G. Secretary, are *ex officio* members of this Board]

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

- S. D. Nickerson, C. J. F. Sherman, Sylvester Trull.

• On motion of R. W. Brother Lewis, it was

Voted, That the sum of Three Hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the Charity Committee, and Two Hundred in the hands of the Grand Master and Recording Grand Secretary, for distribution in charity for the ensuing year.

Brothers Cary, Sherman and Trull, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Installation of the Officers on the 27th instant.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at 6 o'clock, P. M., with prayer by Rev. Brother Pope.

The following Lodges were represented :—

St. John's ; St. Andrew's ; Philanthropic ; Union, Nantucket ; Essex ; King Solomon's ; Old Colony ; Morning Star ; Republican ; Middlesex ; King Hiram ; Lafayette ; Columbian ; Union, Dorchester ; Thomas ; St. Paul's ; Fellowship ; Montgomery ; Hiram ; Marine ; Mount Lebanon ; Aurora ; Fraternal ; Corner Stone ; Rural ; Merrimac ; St. Mark's ; Amicable ; Pen-tucket ; Mystic ; Hammatt ; Caleb Butler ; Wilder ; John Han-cock ; John Cutler ; Montacute ; Trinity ; United Brethren ; Pilgrim ; Pacific ; Dalhousie ; Hampden ; Bethesda ; Norfolk Union ; Monitor ; Star-in-the-East ; Orphan's Hope ; Grecian ; Star-of-Bethlehem ; Mount Tabor ; Ashler ; Ancient York ; Baalbec ; Mount Hermon ; Germania ; Mount Horeb ; Putnam ; Gate-of-the-Temple ; Winslow Lewis ; Blackstone River ; Jo-seph Warren ; Mount Moriah ; Mount Horeb, Woburn ; Re-vere ; Pequossette ; Wyoming ; Mount Vernon ; John Abbot ; Quaboag ; Henry Price.

STATED COMMUNICATION—DEC. 27, A. L. 5961.

A Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, Dec. 27, A. L. 5961, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.

R. W. Z. L. Bicknell, S. G. W., p. t.

“ **Jesse P. Pattee, J. G. W.**

“ **L. Bicknell, G. Treasurer, p. t.**

“ **Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.**

W. W. D. Stratton, G. Marshal, p. t.

“ **Rev. Samuel Osgood, G. Chaplain.**

“ **F. J. Foss, S. G. D., p. t.**

“ **Ebenr. Sawyer, J. G. D., p. t.**

“ **J. B. Lowe, S. Steward, p. t.**

“ **Benj. F. Nourse, Grand Lecturer,**

And a very full delegation from the Lodges, with a large attendance of visitors.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Brother Dadman, of Worcester.

The Grand Master then related the particular business before the Grand Lodge to be an exemplification of the Work and Lectures, and having in a few appropriate words welcomed the Brethren to the agreeable labors before them, ordered the Senior Grand Lecturer to organize a Lodge and proceed with the duties of his appointment. These occupied the entire time of the Brethren until half-past 4 o'clock, P. M., when the Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge until 6 o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by P. G. M. Winslow Lewis, at half-past 6 o'clock. Prayer by the venerable Dr. Samuel Osgood, of Springfield, one of the Grand Chaplains.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.
 R. W. G. Washington Warren, D. G. M.
 " Sanford M. Hunt, S. G. W., p. l.
 " Jesse P. Pattee, J. G. W.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., G. Chaplain.
 " William W. Baker, G. Marshal.
 " Peter C. Jones, J. G. D.
 " William H. Sampson, } G. Stewards.
 " D. McB. Thaxter, }
 " Wm. D. Stratton, G. S. B.
 " Isaac Cary, } G. Pursuivants.
 " J. W. Barton, }
 " Benj. F. Nourse, Grand Lecturer.
 Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.

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The Grand Master elect was then introduced, and installed by R. W. Past Grand Master Lewis, in due and ancient form.

The elected Officers were then installed by the Grand Master, except the Recording Grand Secretary, who was installed and conducted to his seat by his beloved friend and Brother, P. G. Master Winslow Lewis—it being his *twenty-ninth* annual installation as Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments, and installed the Brethren named, into their respective offices :—

- R. W. Marshal P. Wilder, of Dorchester, Deputy Grand Master.
 " Charles L. Woodbury, of Boston, Corresponding G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., of Springfield, } G. Chaplains.
 " Rev. T. J. Greenwood, of Malden, }
 " William D. Stratton, of Melrose, Grand Marshal.
 " William H. Sampson, of Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
 " C. C. Dame, of Boston, Junior Grand Deacon.
 " D. McB Thaxter, of South Boston, }
 " Henry F. Thomas, of New Bedford, } Grand Stewards.
 " Wm. F. Salmon, of Lowell, }
 " C. J. Cleveland, of East Boston, }
 " James A. Dupree, of Boston, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " Isaac Cary, of Newtonville, } Grand Pursuivants.
 " J. W. Barton, of Boston, }
 " Benj. F. Nourse, of Cambridgeport, } Grand Lecturers.
 " E. D. Bancroft, of Groton, }
 Br. Samuel H. Gregory, of Boston, Grand Chorister.
 " Irving I. Harwood, of Boston, Grand Organist.
 " Eben F. Gay, of Boston, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Benjamin Dean, of Boston, | District No. 1. |
| " William Sutton, of Salem, | " 2. |
| " William S. Gardner, of Lowell, | " 3. |
| " Chester L. Chamberlain, of Milford, | " 4. |
| " Enos Loring, of Hingham, | " 5. |
| " Henry Goddard, of Worcester, | " 6. |
| " James M. Cook, of Taunton, | " 7. |
| " Rev. R. S. Pope, of Hyannis, | " 8. |
| " William S. Shurtleff, of Springfield, | " 9. |
| " E. P. Graves, of Greenfield, | " 10. |
| " John K. Hall, of Somerville, | " 11. |
| " William W. Baker, of Boston, | " 12. |
| " George H. Kendall, Dep. for Chili, S. America, | " 13. |

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

Winslow Lewis, Charles W. Moore, Rev. George M. Randall.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

William Read; Robert L. Robbins, and Eben F. Gay.

The usual proclamation having been made by the G. Marshal, R. W. Brother Lewis offered the following Res-

olutions, which were unanimously adopted, the Brethren all rising :—

Resolved, That the decease of the late Hon. Sylvester Baxter has removed from this Grand Lodge, one of its most honored members, whose life was protracted to a mature age of usefulness to his fellow-citizens, and to societies with which he was associated, but more especially to this time honored Order.

Resolved, That in the important relation to his Masonic Brethren as District Deputy Grand Master, he ever manifested an unwearied zeal, and a fidelity worthy of imitation, and that this Grand Lodge deplore the loss of one of its most estimable officers.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the Masonic community of the District under his jurisdiction, in this dispensation, which has deprived them especially of him who was to them a most generous and faithful Brother; and to his bereaved family, we tender our condolence, that he, who was its loved head, has been removed from that home on earth, which his presence ever made happy, but still can rejoice that they, that we, that all who knew him, have the assurance, that from his well spent life, he has a home above, “eternal in the Heavens.”

The same Brother also offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are warmly tendered to their late Treasurer, the Hon. Thomas Tolman, for his faithful services, his devotion to promote its best interests for more than twenty years in various offices, thirteen of which he has served as its Treasurer, and, in all, evincing the devotion of an upright man and Mason.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following

A D D R E S S :

Never, Brethren, in the history of this Grand Lodge have we been permitted to assemble when first of all we should acknowledge with more heartfelt and sincere gratitude the protecting love, the ever-watchful and guiding care of a divine Providence than this on which this evening we are convened. When, as I addressed you from this spot just a year ago, as I entered on these duties with a heart full of hopeful gladness, how little did we think of what the coming year was to develop, yet through it all our work of usefulness and charity has been blessed; and reverently and devoutly do I desire to acknowledge

our dependence, and implore the continuance of divine aid to guide our deliberations in the future, in the words, that

"As He was with the fathers, so may he be with us."

Let me express to you, Brethren, how profoundly I appreciate the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me, and the sincere gratitude I feel at this renewed expression of your confidence and brotherly regard.

I judge by my own heart, Brothers, that I touch the key note in yours, when, at this early period of my annual address, I speak to you of our country. I know the intense excitement in which every one of you has shared the past year. I know it by your correspondence with me and by my frequent visits among you; and therefore while I admit most fully that sectarianism and political disputation has no place in the Lodge-room, love of country, honor, valor, fidelity, truth and justice have a place, and that on these themes you will bear with me; and while we are in the midst of this excitement and strife, and this outbreak of folly, madness and crime is being forced upon us by a portion of our people, let me, Brethren, if I can by any word of mine cheer your hearts to duty, and strengthen your trust in an Almighty Guide and Protector, let me utter a few thoughts at this time, and see if the principles of our institution do not guide us aright in this trial of our faith.

Our country had become enervated by prosperity and her officers corrupt and unfaithful; degeneracy was apparent; honesty, patriotism and subordination were dying out in our land; and as the lightnings of Heaven clear and purify, so this nation requires purification as by fire. Through this wholesome discipline we are passing; but if we will open our ears and our minds to the voice, almost audible, speaking to our hearts, and learn the lessons taught of purity, self-sacrifice, honesty, patriotism, and subordination; if respect for established usage, respect for age and authority so lamentably deficient in our day; if these are the lessons learned by such hard trials, our country will rise again, put on her beautiful garments, and be our pride and glory, and the hope of the world.

Let us show as Masons, by our example, this spirit of loyalty, subordination and fraternity, and the time will soon come when our prayers will be answered and this great madness be rebuked, our nation redeemed, and the end be glorious, and its great consummation be, a purified, patriotic, united, invincible and happy people—when our

"Hopes shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise."

Brethren, I might dwell on this theme, but I must hasten to the business portions of my address, and I am detaining you from the music of that voice we all so much love to hear.

Notwithstanding the preoccupation of our minds, and the intense anxiety which has pervaded all your hearts, the work of the Lodges has gone on to an unexpected extent, and there is but little falling off during the past Masonic year in the number of initiates. Number of Lodges in our jurisdiction is 121.

The number of initiates in 1858 was 1323; in 1859 there were 1188; in 1860 1107. It cannot be reasonably expected that the present year will bear any proportion to the few preceding ones; but, Brethren, this I do not regret; it will be well for us to stop and breathe a while, and to let those who have borne this burden and heat of the day rest from their labor, and give them and all an opportunity to look back over the work that has been done, and gather strength for the present, and hope for the future; it will enable the Brethren to become more and better acquainted with each other, and the circumstances of the present year will afford many opportunities for the practical workings of our institution, which a continued course of prosperity does not afford. We are to show that our institution is no idle pageant, but that our symbols have inculcated duties in our hearts, and we must show that we are ready and willing to exemplify those duties in our lives; and though there may be fewer applicants for admission, keep the standard high and lofty, and remember that the honor of the institution is in your keeping, and see to it, that none but those possessing high moral, social and intellectual qualities are admitted to share our honors and our happiness.

The following Dispensations have been granted to new Lodges the past year:—

February 22. Orient Lodge, at South Dedham, to Brother Addison Boyden and others.

May 6. Bay State Army Lodge, 3d Regiment, to Brother Timothy Ingraham and others.

July 13. Pythagoras Lodge, at Marion, to Brother John D. Allen and others.

August 12. Massachusetts Army Lodge, No. 2, 16th regiment, to Brother Leander G. King and others.

September 16. United Brethren Army Lodge, No. 3, 17th regiment, to Brothers John F. Fellowes and others.

October 17. Fraternal Army Lodge, No. 4, 25th regiment, to Brothers Joseph B. Knox and others.

November 4. Bunker Hill Army Lodge, No. 5, 2d regiment, to Brother George H. Gordon and others.

December 24. Union Lodge, No. 6, in the 1st regiment of Massachusetts Cavalry, to Brother M. A. Moore and others.

Lodges have been Constituted and Consecrated ; Corner Stones Laid, and Halls Dedicated at the following places :—

January 2. Constituted and Consecrated Hammatt Lodge, at East Boston, and Installed its Officers.

January 17. Constituted and Consecrated John Warren Lodge, at Hopkinton, and Installed its Officers.

June 24. Constituted and Consecrated Dalhousie Lodge, at Newton, and Installed its Officers.

September 20. Constituted and Consecrated John Hancock Lodge, at Methuen, and Installed its Officers.

September 20. Constituted and Consecrated Pacific Lodge, at Amherst, and Installed its Officers.

April 15. Laid Corner Stone of St. John's Episcopal Church, at Lowell, by Br. G. W. Warren, D. G. M.

May 30. Laid Corner Stone of First Universalist Church at Chelsea.

June 12. Laid Corner Stone of Howard Methodist Episcopal Church, at Cambridgeport—present the Grand Lodge.

January 22. Dedicated a new and most commodious Hall, at New Bedford, and Installed the Officers of Star-in-the East and Eureka Lodges.

January 28. Dedicated new Hall, at Southbridge, and Installed the Officers of Quinebaug Lodge.

June 24. Dedicated new Hall at Newtonville.

September 20. Dedicated new Hall at Methuen.

September 24. Dedicated new Hall at Amherst.

November 12. Dedicated new Hall at Worcester for Montecute Lodge, and Installed its Officers.

We are largely represented in the army of the United States. We have the names of more than three hundred Brethren, a large portion of whom are officers. We have granted them six Lodges, and have done all that we could to spread over them the ægis of our protection. We watch them with parental solicitude, and I am grieved to say, that among those held as hostages in Richmond, is our worthy and well beloved Brother, Capt. Bowman, Past Master of the Lodge at Clinton. Every effort that we can lawfully make for his exchange or relief, will be made, and so of all others of our band. You will unite your prayers, Brethren, for their safety and their honor ; cheer them with

your best words and counsel ; and should they fall, honor their memories, and embalm their good deeds and heroism in the history and archives of your Lodges.

I take this occasion to mention how largely I am indebted to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their zeal and devotion. I have been most effectively aided by you, my beloved Brethren, and I most cheerfully acknowledge the great obligations we are under to you, for your prompt and generous devotion of time and talent to your duties. Nor can I omit to mention, in this connexion, how much my own duties have been relieved by the enlightened and sound knowledge of Masonic Jurisprudence of the Recording Grand Secretary. His pocket edition of the Trestle-Board and Digest of Masonic Law has been of great service to me, and should be in the hands of every Brother desirous of perfecting himself in Masonic culture.

Our beloved Brother, the D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District, has again placed us under obligations by his generosity ; but as he is so continually doing these kind acts, to recount them would be more than my space will permit.

Let me recommend to you, Brethren, as far as in your power, to add to the impressiveness of our ritual the cultivation of music in your Lodge-rooms. The Grand Lodge have set an example, and we have had our spirits exalted and gladdened to-night by the stirring notes of the organ and the voices of our people in glad and holy unison for the return of peace in our land. Music is the language of love, gentleness, kindness, devotion, and how much it adds to the sunshine of our lives ! The introduction of music will increase your enjoyment, elevate your taste, and add great impressiveness to your services.

I again commend to you that Lodges of Instruction be multiplied among you. Five or six contiguous Lodges might, with great profit and pleasure, unite, and delegations of five or ten from each, would make a most happy re-union of Brethren, meeting at each place once or thrice in a season, adding much to the pleasure of social intercourse, and by the employment of a lecturer, to a uniformity of work in our jurisdiction.

Let me say to you, Brethren, that the violation of the Constitution in the appearance at our Communication of so many Brethren without their jewels, has become an evil and an interruption, to which I know you will most readily apply the remedy ; and I take occasion here to state, that no officer of a Lodge can transfer his jewel to another, or appoint another to represent him in G. Lodge.

And now, Brethren, I close as I began, exhorting you to be loyal

to your Government and faithful to your vows. We are not a political but a philanthropic and conservative institution, and throughout our land, whatever our political differences, we are a unit still, and come what will, we will do all we can to keep it so.

"Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

And wherever distress exists, there we can alleviate, if we cannot avert. Let us look up with a confiding spirit, and believe that if we merit it, we shall be guided right, and whether passing through the sunshine of prosperity, or under the cloud of sorrow, still it is a Father's hand that is leading us; and "Though the labor of the olive should fail, and there be no fruit on the vine—though the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stall, yet will we joy in the Lord, and trust in the God of our salvation."

An eloquent and beautiful Address on the subject of Masonic friendships, was then pronounced by Rev. Bro. William R. Alger.

The ceremonies of the evening were interspersed with Music, and the singing of an original Ode, written for the occasion by R. W. Brother John K. Hall.

The Grand Lodge was closed at half-past 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Brother T. J. Greenwood, Grand Chaplain.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 21, 1861.

W. D. COOLIDGE, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.*

It is a pleasant duty to report the condition of the Lodges of the First Masonic District. Embracing eight of the Lodges in the Metropolis and three in the suburban towns, it tells the condition of the institution throughout the Commonwealth.

I cannot, therefore, omit the opportunity presented, of congratulating you, that you have been called to preside over its destinies at a time when its high standing and great prosperity are without a parallel in its history; and when all that you can hope or desire is, to transmit it to your successor in the same healthy condition in which you found it, and for which, in a great measure, we are indebted to the faithful labors of your two more immediate predecessors, Winslow Lewis, M. D., and John T. Heard, Esq. I have visited nearly all of the Lodges of the Jurisdiction more than once.

The official visits and examinations were made by me in person, with one exception. Being unable to make my official visit to Revere Lodge, without requiring them to call a special meeting for the purpose, I constituted our R. W. Br. Clement A. Walker, M. D., a special deputy to make the visit in my stead. He discharged the duty in an efficient and faithful manner, and greatly to the acceptance of the Brethren of that highly respectable Lodge.

The suburban Lodges, Monitor, of Waltham, Bethesda, of Brighton, and Pequossette, of Watertown, though not doing a great amount of work, it is of the best of materials, and of finished workmanship. The distinguished reception with which they greeted your representative, and the pleasant and social hours I enjoyed with them after the close of our labors, I shall not soon forget. The friendly and social

manner in which the members of these Lodges visit each other, I recommend to others.

The Lodges in East Boston, Mt. Tabor, Baalbec, and Hammatt, though feeling the pressure of the times, hold their meetings, and practice our rights with undiminished zeal and interest.

My visits to St. John's and Winlow Lewis Lodges were full of interest. There is the good old St. John's, the first Lodge on the continent, *beautiful* and *young* too in her green old age! and there is Winalow Lewis Lodge, a young scion from that ancient tree! Neither can be surpassed in skill in work, or devotion to our principles. Then, there is St. Andrew's, upward of a century old. How pleasant to look upon her old By-Laws, and the signature of the patriot Joseph Warren, and to think of the meetings in the Old Green Dragon, where he presided.

But the most interesting event of the year was my visit to Mt. Lebanon Lodge. Our much esteemed Brother Lash was there to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of his membership. And right gallantly did the Brethren greet him! with feasting and rejoicings! They greeted him as the patriarchal cedar of their Lebanon, whose branches had preserved their Lodge when weak, from being torn up and blown away by the anti-masonic storm; and he was assured in return that they would protect him against any rude blasts that might beset his declining years, and when the all-devouring scythe of time should cut the brittle thread of his life, the sweet remembrance of his virtues will remain with us till time shall be no more. On this occasion also, was present the R. W. John B. Hammatt, sixty years a member of St. John's Lodge, whose memory our East Boston Brethren have taken such pains to preserve.

Thus may we ever honor our fathers in Masonry, that the days of our institution may be long in the land which the Lord our God hath given us. The details of the work of the District during the past year are already in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Faternally, your obedient servant,

BENJ. DEAN,

D. D. G. M. 1st Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Salem, Dec. 5th, 1861.

*To the M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—*

I have the honor, in accordance with my duty, to report to you the condition of the Lodges in this, the second Masonic District of the Commonwealth.

The ten Lodges which you have been pleased to place under my charge, remain as formerly in a prosperous and flourishing state. As will be seen by my returns, herewith submitted, there have not been so many initiated during the present year as during the previous one. The number has fallen from seventyseven to fiftynine. But this is not to be regarded as indicative of any decline in the Order, but is owing to other and independent causes. The state of the country, which has almost engrossed the thoughts of all good citizens, and has led them to dwell upon but one idea, besides taking away great numbers of our young and active men, has naturally and unavoidably interfered with the regular workings of all home institutions. In this connection I cannot fail to allude to one of the Lodges under my charge, Tyrian Lodge, of Gloucester. This is the only Lodge within my jurisdiction which I have not met in regular communication. In this instance I saw only the Secretary and his Record. The three first officers of the Lodge are all officers in the volunteer army, and as well as many of its members are at the seat of war. Honor be to them for leaving their posts and their homes, and joining in the struggle to sustain our national unity and independence. True men and true Masons may they fight the good fight; may they strike valiantly and well, and may the God of battles return them in safety to their Brethren and their firesides. Another of my Lodges, Essex, of Salem, sent off among those who first rushed to the rescue, its first officer, and several of its members. The Master left a Captain and returned a Lieutenant Colonel, and he proved himself as brave and skillful a soldier, as his Brethren had long known him to be an accomplished and faithful Mason. Other instances, both in this and in the other Lodges, might be mentioned, of those who at home and in peace, were the best patterns of Masonic knowledge and virtue, proving themselves in war and in times of national peril, the noblest examples of the sublime virtue of patriotism. May God speed the time when Masons at the North and at the South shall again meet together in love and harmony. But let it not be until they can meet as citizens of one country; members of one common and re-established

Union, with one constitution to govern, and one glorious Flag to wave over them. That this time may soon come, let us all labor, and strive and pray.

In one of my Lodges, St. Mark's, of Newburyport, there has been manifest and marked improvement during the past year. The feeling between its members and those of St. John's Lodge, in the same city, which is one of my best Lodges, is kind and cordial, and the result is the increased comfort of both. There is but one other Lodge which I deem it necessary to mention, by name, Warren Lodge, at Amesbury. It is the smallest Lodge in the District, has labored under many disadvantages; and without the slightest intention of reflecting upon its officers or members, I may say, that it falls behind the other Lodges in its ritual and work. I would respectfully advise that it receive the earliest attention of the Grand Lecturer.

I desire, before closing, to acknowledge on my part the signal service which you, M. W. G. Master, as the august head of our Order in this Commonwealth, are rendering to the Masonic world, and the honor you are conferring upon the Brethren. Your present distinguished position is but the rightful culmination of a long career of highly useful and honorable labor. May your life long be spared, and may your services long be retained in a sphere where you can do so much for the profession you adorn.

I desire, also, publicly to acknowledge the favors I have received from the Grand Secretary in my official relations. I have had frequent occasion to consult some acknowledged authority, upon vexed and difficult questions, and I have always found in this officer one who courteously and cheerfully gave me every assistance in his power, and whose decisions I found were respected by the Brethren as positive law.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully yours,

WM. SUTTON, D. D. G. M. 2d District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In my Annual Communication to your predecessor in office, I gave a brief detail of the condition of the several Lodges in the Third Masonic District, as found one year since, upon the occasion of my regular visits. With but little change, that report would suffice for the present year.

Corinthian Lodge, at Concord, is the only Lodge whose annual return shows that no increase has been made in its numbers this year. Various reasons have concurred to prevent applications being made. It is the smallest in the District; its members are scattered, and all its officers do not reside in the town where it is established.

I visited *St. Paul's Lodge*, at Groton, upon the occasion of its Annual Communication. It gives me pleasure to record the presence at this meeting, of our venerable Brother John Walton, M. D., aged ninetyone years. The W. Master, Br. E. D. Bancroft, gave an interesting sketch of the Lodge and of the changes which had taken place during the year. It appears that two Brethren, James Larkin (Past Master,) and Nathaniel Stone, have deceased, who, on the 12th of August, A. D. 1811, were together raised as Master Masons, and who, ever since, uninterruptedly, until the time of their decease, have been active members of the Lodge.

Merrimack Lodge, at Haverhill, has lost the past year Brother Elbridge G. Eaton, Past Master; one of its most active and revered members. Through his exertions, mainly, the Charter of this Lodge was restored; and by his zeal and labor, as W. Master, it has been brought to its present high position. Brother Eaton was buried by his Lodge with Masonic honors; in the ceremonies of which the various Lodges in the neighborhood assisted.

Grecian Lodge, at Lawrence, is in the most flourishing condition, and, at my annual visit, appeared to be in a much better state than I found it a year ago. It is now the largest Lodge in the District.

Pawtucket Lodge, at Lowell, appears to better advantage than ever before. Its officers have been selected with careful discrimination, and its capabilities for effectively conferring the degrees are unsurpassed in the District.

Aurora Lodge, at Fitchburg, has selected R. W. Jonas A. Marshall, M. D., Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, as its W. Master. He is highly esteemed by the Brethren, and has occupied the East at various times before. This Lodge is building a fine and capacious Hall, for its own use, thus evincing the great prosperity which heretofore has, and still does, attend it.

The other Lodges, whom it is unnecessary to name, are in a prosperous state, and the various members appear to be inspired with a praiseworthy zeal for the institution.

Caleb Butler Lodge, at Groton, has sent many of its members to the seat of war; one of whom is W. Master of a Camp Lodge, chartered

by you in a Massachusetts Regiment, while others occupy high and responsible positions in the Lodge under him.

The unhappy state of the country, and the consequent depression of business, are leaving their effect upon the Lodges, and will be seen in the diminished revenue to the Grand Lodge, when the returns are made up another year. Since the first of September last, the commencement of our fiscal year, a marked falling off in receipts is evident.

During my visits to the Lodges, I have carefully examined the By-laws, and Records, and witnessed an exemplification of the work, and lectures in each. I have endeavored to establish a uniform manner of keeping the Records, throughout the District. Within a few years great laxity has grown up in some of the Lodges in this respect; many essentials being omitted for the sake of brevity.

There appear to have been *ninetytwo* initiates this year, while the returns show one hundred and three during the previous year.

More Dispensations have been granted this year than before. In cases of soldiers and officers applying none have been refused. I have considered it proper that patriotism should be encouraged and rewarded, and that Dispensations should be given to this class of candidates to enable them the better to encounter the hardships and rigor of the camp; and that by means of our Order social intercourse and Brotherly relations with their Brethren in arms, might be promoted.

It gives me great pleasure to report, that the various Lodges are presided over by wise and discreet officers, and that the affairs of the Lodges are conducted with prudence and propriety. Harmony prevails among the Brethren, while charitable and patriotic efforts, continue to distinguish their conduct among men.

Before closing this report permit me to express the renewed obligations I am under to R. W. Wm. North, your Senior Grand Warden, and my predecessor in the office of District Deputy Grand Master, for the kind assistance which he has rendered me in the performance of my official duties.

I remain, Fraternally, your very obedient servant,

WILLIAM S. GARDNER,

Lowell, Nov. 28, 1861.

D. D. G. M. 3d District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

*Blackstone, Dec. 31st, 1861.**To the M. W. W. D. COOLIDGE,**Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—*

DEAR SIR—The time for which I was appointed District Deputy having expired, I herewith present you a brief statement of the condition of the several Lodges composing the Fourth Masonic District; all but one of which I have visited, one or more times, during the year; and am pleased to report progress in all of them.

Montgomery Lodge, Milford; *Olive Branch Lodge*, Millbury; *Solomon's Temple Lodge*, Uxbridge, and *Blackstone River Lodge*, Blackstone, are all harmonious, and perform their work in conformity to the standard adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Franklin Lodge, Grafton, in which some discord existed when the last annual report was made, is now harmonious. Although I did not have an opportunity to witness the conferring of the Degrees when making my annual visit to this Lodge, yet should judge from what I saw, that they did their work well.

In *Webster Lodge*, Webster, I am sorry to say harmony does not yet prevail. This Lodge has recently elected a Brother, Master, who from his influence as a man and a Mason, it is to be hoped, will bring peace and unity to the Lodge; but unless the Brethren are willing to make mutual concessions, and come forward unitedly in support of the officers whom they have chosen to govern their Lodge, I fear the history of Webster Lodge will be short. This Lodge has made some improvement in the work and lectures during the year. I also notice great improvement in the Records, and they are now neatly and correctly kept.

Oxford Lodge, Oxford, although being the youngest chartered in the District, (this being the first year it has worked under a Charter,) I am happy to say is one of the best in this District, and has, during the past year, admitted to Masonry, men who will reflect honor upon the Fraternity.

The Lodges that compose this Masonic District are mostly located in Manufacturing villages, and their prosperity has been materially affected by the troubles which have unhappily existed in our national affairs. The number of candidates initiated in the seven chartered Lodges, during the past year is fortyeight, a decrease of thirtysix from last year. I have, during the year, granted two Dispensations for the conferring of Degrees in less time than is required by the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge. Thanking you for the honor conferred in ap-

pointing me to the office of District Deputy of the 4th Masonic District,
I remain, truly and Fraternally yours,

DANIEL W. TAFT.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Another Masonic year having closed, it becomes necessary that I should present for your consideration a Report of the condition of the Lodges composing the Fifth Masonic District.

There has been no material changes in the Lodges during the year. Sixtyeight have been initiated by the chartered Lodges in the District.

Plymouth Lodge, at Plymouth, of which I had much to encourage me a year ago, has not attained that position in Masoary of which it then gave promise. Misfortune seems to attend them; the Brother selected by the Lodge at that time as its Master, was one who it was thought would honor the office, harmonize the Lodge, and improve its work, but unfortunately the Brother did not give that attention to his duty which the interests of the Lodge demanded, consequently the members lost interest; the meetings were thinly attended, and but for the exertions of a few would have ceased entirely. What the final result will be, time alone will reveal. With this exception, harmony prevails throughout the District, and I hope that ere another year has passed, that this may not be an exception.

Early in the year, by your permission, a Lodge of Instruction was formed in the District, under the honored name of *Paul Dean Lodge of Instruction*, for the Fifth Masonic District. It has been under the instruction of Brother Nourse, Senior Grand Lecturer, and has been the means of improving the work throughout the District.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District, with the exception of Orient Lodge, at Dedham, under Dispensation, once, at least; some of them several times. My intercourse with all the Lodges has been very pleasant. I have been kindly received at all times, and I very much regret that I feel it my duty to decline a reappointment.

Thanking you for the honor I have received,

I remain, respectfully and Fraternally, yours,

Z. L. BICKNELL.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Worcester, Dec. 16, 1861.

To the M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In conformity with my duty, I herewith present you my Report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 6.

I have visited during the year all the Lodges in the District, and have aimed at a faithful inspection of their work. With the exceptions mentioned in the following references to one or two of the Lodges, the Institution has lost none of its ancient interest; and both in the zeal of its older members, and in the character of its initiates, gives abundant assurance of future usefulness and progress.

Morning Star Lodge, at Worcester. This ancient Lodge, whose Charter dates back to 1793, has now ninetyeight members, and has initiated fourteen during the year. The meetings of the Lodge have been well attended; the officers diligent and faithful, and the work animated, correct and impressive.

Middlesex Lodge, at Framingham. This is also one of the oldest Lodges in the State, having held its regular monthly communications continuously for sixty-six years. Its working efficiency has, I think, improved since the last annual report of its condition was made, and the degrees are now conferred with care, and a good degree of accuracy. The Lodge has forty members, and received five initiates during the year.

Meridian Lodge, at Natick. This Lodge is not in so favorable a condition as would be desirable. There continues to be a want of harmony, and the Lodge appears to be in a depressed state, but I am assured on the part of a portion of its members, that an effort shall be made to heal their differences; that the meetings may again become interesting, and the Lodge again prosper as it has done heretofore. It has fiftyone members, of whom three were admitted the present year.

Mount Zion Lodge, at Barre. This Lodge with a membership of fiftythree, has initiated but three during the year. The members are of excellent character, and have maintained a good degree of interest in their Lodge under difficulties which few others have had to encounter. They are widely scattered, two-thirds of them living several miles from the place of meeting. They are somewhat deficient in the work, and the services of a Grand Lecturer would be acceptable to them, and I have no doubt would add to the prosperity of the Institution in this part of the jurisdiction.

Quaboag Lodge, at Warren. This Lodge, though smaller than many of those around it, is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and its work has been favorable and satisfactory. It has thirtynine members, and has received an addition of seven the present year.

Trinity Lodge, at Clinton. This is one of the best Lodges in the District. It has forty members, and this year has initiated six. Their work is accurate and praiseworthy. Some of its best members were among the first to respond to the call for troops, and one of them, at least, Capt. Henry Bowman, Past Master of the Lodge, is now a prisoner in Richmond. May he soon be released to share in the speedy triumph of our arms, and to enjoy the well earned rewards of peace!

Montacute Lodge, at Worcester. It is hardly necessary for me to speak of this Lodge in detail, it has recently been honored by a visit from yourself and others, representatives of the Grand Lodge. The prominent event in its history, next to the granting of its Charter, was the recent dedication of its new hall, in which you did them the honor to take an active part. You had occasion to notice something of the interest which its officers and members manifest, and the promise they give of making it "a well deserving pillar" of the Order. It received fourteen initiates the present year, and has now a roll of seventyseven members.

United Brethren Lodge, at Marlborough, has fortyfour members, and admitted twentyone during the year; the largest number received by any single Lodge in the District. The work is of a very creditable character, and much zeal and spirit is manifested by the members. Several belonging to this Lodge are now absent in the army.

Quinebaug Lodge, at Southbridge. This is the youngest Lodge in the District. It is located in a pleasant and flourishing village, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the best class of its citizens. It has a membership of thirtyfive, and returns twelve new initiates. Both this and the preceding Lodge have abundantly rewarded the confidence of the Grand Lodge in granting them Charters, and I have no doubt they will prove to be among the most valuable branches of the Fraternity in the Commonwealth.

There have been made during the year eightyfive Masons in the District, and the several Lodges have contributed \$309 to the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

The usual watchfulness and prudence have been shown in the election of candidates, and I am sure the interests of Freemasonry will not suffer in the hands of those who have been admitted to its rites and privileges. In several instances, for good and sufficient reasons, I have

granted Dispensations for conferring degrees in less time than the constitutional requirement—the candidates being considered worthy, and their imperative departure for the seat of war, with the regiments to which they were attached, rendering the exception in their favor at once advantageous to them and to the interests of the Fraternity wherever they may be called.

In closing this Report, I desire to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness which has been uniformly accorded to me in visiting the various Lodges in the District, and to bear testimony to the respect and loyalty which they all cherish to the Grand Lodge, as the ultimate and supreme authority in all matters relating to Masonic jurisprudence. Grateful for the distinction you have conferred upon me,

I remain, respectfully and Fraternaly yours,

HENRY GODDARD,

D. D. G. M. 6th District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Taunton, Dec. 3, 1861.

WM. D. COOLIDGE, Esq.,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Another year having expired, it becomes my duty to Report to you something of the condition of the Lodges in this District. Their general prosperity has been very much impeded by the present political condition of the country.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District, and, with one exception, have witnessed some part of the work. As the result of my observation I am satisfied that many of them would be improved in their working by the assistance of the Grand Lecturers.

It does not seem necessary to go into a minute statement of each Lodge. Nevertheless, I think Social Harmony, at Wareham, or the Brethren comprising that Lodge, deserve a passing word. While they are putting forth their best efforts against the depression of business which has served much to scatter and separate them, a destructive fire in their immediate vicinity has been doubly severe upon them.

I have endorsed the petition of a number of Masons, praying for a Lodge to be established in Marion. A Dispensation has since been granted by you. I have not yet visited them, but learn that they are working under very favorable prospects.

I have endeavored to impress upon the officers of Lodges the neces-

ity and importance of attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge; more especially the Masters, at the Annual Communication.

The whole number of initiations the past year is ninetyeight; whole amount of fees to Grand Lodge three hundred and fortytwo dollars; a large per centage less than last year.

In conclusion, I am happy to say that *harmony prevails* in this District; thus may it ever continue.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

JAS. M. COOK,

D. D. G. M. 7th Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

M. W. G. M. WM. D. COOLIDGE,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Though but recently called by your appointment to the office of D. D. G. M., made vacant by the death of our lamented R. W. Bro. Baxter, I have succeeded in visiting every Lodge committed to my supervision. I found them united, harmonious in spirit, and manifesting a good degree of interest in our cherished Institution. Most of them have done but little work the past year, owing mainly, no doubt, to the troubled state of the times; but still their "fervency and zeal" seem not to have sensibly diminished. With *King Hiram Lodge*, I had but little acquaintance—it being fifty miles distant—and therefore was unable to judge of its condition as compared with that of former years; but its appearance and work were such as to do credit to the oldest Lodge in the District. The same may be said of *Union Lodge*, Nantucket; *Fraternal Lodge*, Hyannis, and *Mount Horeb Lodge*, West Harwich. In each of these Lodges there is a spirit of harmony and of active interest which fully sustains their former good reputation, and indicates a sound, healthy condition.

De Witt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich, I visited, under very unfavorable circumstances of weather and travel, and only a very few members were in attendance. But from my intimate acquaintance with the Lodge in the past, and from the known zeal and interest of the Master and many of the Brethren, I have no doubt they still maintain their former standing of credit to themselves and of honor to the Fraternity.

Of *Marine Lodge*, Falmouth, I have to say, with no little pleasure, that a very marked change has been wrought for the better. This Lodge heretofore has been seriously deficient in Masonic knowledge, but during the past year the Brethren have evidently given them-

selves in earnest to mastering the work; and the result has been a very great improvement. Judging from their familiarity with the Lectures, and other evidences of their proficiency, they will compare favorably with most of our Lodges; and by continued effort and perseverance they will in time attain a perfection of work not surpassed by any.

Martha's Vineyard Lodge, Holme's Hole, is young in date of Charter, but in a highly prosperous condition, and has done a large amount of work the present year. On the evening of my visit they fortunately had a candidate for the 3d Degree of Masonry, which gave me an opportunity to witness the manner of their work. And I do not hesitate to say, that for correctness, promptness, and impressiveness, it was not to be excelled by that of any Lodge within the District. They are entitled to great credit for their diligence and effort in perfecting themselves in the knowledge of Masonry; and for their active interest and devotion to the Institution, which give promise of its becoming one of the most prosperous and best working Lodges in the State.

Pilgrim Lodge, South Harwich, is another young, but prosperous Lodge, whose members are zealous and actively interested, and have done a large amount of work. They have never availed themselves of the instruction of a Grand Lecturer, and need it very much; and there seems to be no good reason why they should not invite one to their aid. They work well in their way; but their work varies in many respects from the standard work of the Grand Lodge; and it is to be hoped, and I doubt not, they will take the necessary steps to correct it.

I will only say farther, that I have made it a point in my visits, to impress upon the minds of the Brethren in the several Lodges the importance of cultivating the spirit of Fraternal harmony and peace in these exciting times; of exhibiting the practical fruits of Masonry out in the world; of punctual attendance upon their Lodge meetings; of each and all perfecting themselves in the Lectures and the work; of being represented at every Communication of the Grand Lodge, and of extreme caution and care that they receive none to the privileges of Freemasonry but such as are known to be "worthy and well qualified," and who will make good Masons and good Brothers.

Most truly and Fraternally yours,

R. S. POPE, D. D. G. M. of the 8th District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

M. W. GRAND MASTER—

It is with that pleasure "messengers of glad tidings" always feel, that I proceed to render to you an account of my stewardship as your Deputy for the Ninth District—for I have none but "glad tidings" of the Craft to bring to you—glad tidings of social and Masonic prosperity; of increased and increasing interest in the work; of improved *morale*; of added *Wisdom, Strength and Beauty* in the Lodges, and of continued *individual* prosperity and happiness among the Brethren. In a word—of healthy growth of all that Masonry planted, and good Masons love to cultivate.

I have visited all the Lodges in my District, and have witnessed in all a thorough exemplification of their mode of work. I have found in *all* unbroken harmony; in *many* great social and financial prosperity, and in *most* a very commendable accuracy in the work. In two Lodges I found considerable variation and inaccuracy, resulting, in both cases, more from want of *recent* instruction than from intentional neglect, or carelessness. Having, however, taken measures to supply the needed instruction, and being confident that the errors will be speedily corrected, I will refrain from designating the Lodges referred to, by name, adding, that although they were deficient in the ritual, I no where found better exemplars of the truly Masonic character.

No cases of individual insubordination or unmasonic conduct have been brought to my official notice, except the single case, the particulars of which, early in the year, I reported to you, and as to which, you will be glad to learn, that a course of action, in accordance with your counsel, changed that which threatened to be a serious injury, to a positive benefit, both to the Lodge and the erring Brother, in that it brought into more than usually marked display and practical application, that Masonic *charity* that "suffereth long and is kind," and that, may I not add, by patient kindness, *saves*. May we all oftener remember that man, so long as he is man, must be imperfect; that the *Square* is not to be used to the exclusion of the *Trowel*, and that "the *cement* of Brotherly Love would not, indeed could not, unite us, did it not cling *more closely* to the *rough* than to the *smooth* surfaces.

In closing this Report, let me congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Fraternity under your charge, through a year, more pregnant with danger to the Institution of Freemasonry than any of which our traditions have preserved the history.

While enterprise, paralyzed in all its "hundred hands," sits nerveless amid the wreck of its countless ventures; while all men throughout

our unhappy country, forced, by the momentous changes transpiring around them, from their wonted courses of thought, action and life—are living in a new and strange bewildering existence; while all systems—social, civil, or religious, seem almost “tottering to the fall,” Freemasonry, resisting the adverse influences that have disturbed all else, still flourishes, and we have had, in loyal Massachusetts, a prosperous and happy Masonic year. I am glad to see in this fact, evidence that the Institution, so dear to us all, rests upon a foundation, that, under God, nothing can destroy—nothing weaken—save only a perversion of its great influence to subserve the selfish ends of unworthy ambition, or to effect objects foreign to its nature and the purposes of its creation.

Masonry is an *Influence* not a *Power*! May we all be careful to recognize and preserve the distinction.

In accepting your appointment as your Deputy, I thanked you for the honor conferred; permit me now to thank you for the pleasure I have derived from the opportunities my position has given me of mingling more extensively with the Brethren of my District, and thereby, I trust, strengthening old and forming new and valued friendships. And let me also return my grateful acknowledgments for the repeated and patient consideration you have given to my frequent appeals for counsel and direction, which, with the advantage of following in the steps of one who had ably discharged his duty, and made smooth the path of his successor, has made my official duties easy, and my term of office, to me, at least, one of great pleasure and profit.

With great respect, I remain, Fraternaly yours,

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,

D. D. G. M. of 9th District.

Springfield, December, 1861.

TENTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER—The Lodges of the Tenth Masonic District over which your partiality called me to preside as your Deputy during the past year, are all in a prosperous and progressing condition. No questions of Masonic jurisprudence have been raised and no ill feeling germinated so far as my knowledge extends. While our revered and bleeding country has been engaged in attempting to crush the most horrid, gigantic and fratricidal rebellion that the history of the world can produce many of our Brethren, urged by a patriot

ism equal to that which governed our Sires, have rushed to the rescue, with a determination to uphold and sustain the best government that the world ever saw, and to protect a flag which ever has been, and *will still remain*, an emblem of Union, Fraternity and Liberty to the oppressed of all nations.

Many of our Lodges have been drawn upon heavily for this purpose, and the war of course enlists the young and vigorous men—yet, notwithstanding all this, the several Lodges have initiated nearly as many as in peaceful times—and a greater degree of harmony and Brotherly affection prevails than I have noticed in any previous year.

I have visited all the Lodges, with one exception, and found their records correctly set forth and their knowledge of the ritual very commendable.

My Dear Sir and Brother—Having been associated with you for years upon the board of D. D. G. Masters, and having received the honor of an appointment at your hands the last year, and concluding to resign the insignia of my office at the close of the present Masonic year, permit me to express to you my grateful thanks for the many kindnesses and honors which you have conferred upon

Your obliged and obedient servant,

W. B. C. PEARSONS,
D. D. G. M. 10th District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

HONORED SIR—In rendering you an account of my stewardship, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to report all the Lodges in the Eleventh District in the most flourishing condition; true, they have not initiated so many during the past, as in former years, but numbers are by no means an indication of prosperity; the material I have every reason to believe has been well selected, with reference not only to its capability of being brought to bear the test of the overseer's square, but that the grain should be such as to render it capable of receiving that polish necessary to reflect the beautiful tenets of our Order. I have thought it advisable in my visits, in place of a long dissertation which oftener tires than instructs, to call the attention of my Brethren to the most important duties to be attended to, the most assailable points where vigilant guards were to be placed, and by scouting parties sent out from our citadel to ascertain the character of

those approaching our borders, before they have assumed a false one to gain admittance. My visits have been a source of great pleasure to myself, and I trust they have not been wholly unprofitable to my Brethren. The greatest deference has been paid to any and all suggestions which have been made by me, urging them to husband the resources of the Lodges, so that in the present condition of our country they may be able to relieve the widows, and assist the orphans of those who are called upon to defend their flag, for which I have no doubt our Lodges will have repeated calls for some time to come.

In some of my visits, I have had occasion to install the officers newly elected, and am happy to say no public installation has been requested; a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance. I have granted Dispensations in three or four instances where the circumstances abundantly warranted it, and in some instances have convinced the applicant of the inexpediency, and the harm likely to result from it, and the withholding of my consent has been received with the same kind Masonic feeling which has actuated all the Brethren in my communications with them. It has been a matter of regret to me that I have been unable to meet my Brother Deputies, owing to their communications occurring at a time when I am engaged in my business, which will not allow of my absence.

And, Most Worshipful, the arduous duties attending these visitations to the several Lodges, have been more than counterbalanced by the warm reception and pleasant intercourse attending them, and it will make any man a better Mason who will make the tour of pilgrimage to our Lodges, if he has a spark of Masonry in him to build upon.

With my best and warmest wishes for the continued prosperity and usefulness of all our Lodges, and with many thanks to yourself for the opportunity thus afforded me of cultivating by these visits, that friendship and Brotherly love which is the cement of our union,

I am, Fraternally and respectfully, your obt. servant,

JOHN K. HALL,

D. D. G. M. of the 11th Masonic District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 2, 1861.

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

The wheels of time have nearly made their course and my term of office is about to expire. I, therefore, in compliance with the constitution, will endeavor to give you an account of the several Lodges under my jurisdiction.

Where all are so excellent it is difficult to particularize. The skill, harmony and zeal evinced; the Fraternal feeling exhibited among the members; the kindness extended to me as a representative of the Grand Body, and the loyalty and devotion manifested to the Grand Lodge, has been everywhere apparent throughout the District. The work in all is correct, and conforms with that sanctioned by the Grand Lodge; and in many of the Lodges it rises to a high state of perfection, that deserves commendation.

Amicable Lodge, Cambridgeport; *Union*, Dorchester; *Joseph Warren*, Boston, and *St. Paul's*, South Boston, have all bestowed much labor and attention to the Masonic art, and are patterns for other Lodges to imitate.

The work of *Joseph Warren Lodge* is nearly perfect in every particular. The principal founder of this Lodge is a zealous and indefatigable Mason; he has evidently given much time and attention to this child of his creation, till it has grown up in honor and usefulness to dignify and to perpetuate its name.

Amicable Lodge has been well and carefully "Nursed" by the Senior Grand Lecturer, and is in complete working order. This Lodge prides itself upon possessing nearly forty members, capable of presiding and conferring the degrees with accuracy; which speaks well for their industry, zeal and perseverance.

Germania Lodge, Boston, is prosperous and harmonious.

Columbian Lodge, Boston, *Washington*, Roxbury, and *Gate-of-the-Temple*, South Boston, still glide on as usual in the even tenor of their course, adding daily to their former high reputation.

I was called upon to install the officers of good old *Massachusetts Lodge*, Boston, in the early part of the year, which was nearly my first official duty. The installation being public, the hall was crowded with ladies and gentlemen. Everything passed off harmoniously and satisfactorily, as you, Most Worshipful, can testify, as you were pleased to honor the occasion with your presence.

I have granted several Dispensations during the year, which were

for the most part, to confer the degrees upon some of those brave and patriotic spirits who have taken up arms to defend the Constitution of the country, and the land that gave them birth.

There has been one hundred and one candidates initiated in the Twelfth Masonic District, during the last Masonic year, yielding and paying to the treasury of the Grand Lodge \$358 14, including the annual Grand Lodge fees.

Aberdour Lodge, Boston, as you are aware, being still under Dispensation, has not, as yet, come under my supervision.

Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, though last, yet by no means least, received your representative with that respect and decorum; that true spirit and open-heartedness that deserves more than a passing notice. Their work is excellent, but that is by no means surprising, when we take into consideration who was its first presiding officer. This Lodge sprung up, I may say, almost spontaneously, and wooed your hand to tend and cherish it; the seed has been well disseminated; the growth has been healthful, as the harvest will doubtless testify. The foundation being substantial, I have no doubt that the building will grow to an imperial size and become as lasting as Masonry itself. Their new Lodge room is symmetrical and artistical; methodically arranged, and possesses every convenience. It would please me to give a description of this beautiful and classical hall, but as each grace and ornament, which adorns and beautifies it, was summoned by yourself, Most Worshipful, and as a description has been previously reported, it would be superfluous in me to do so now.

With many wishes for your future success, prosperity and happiness, allow me to subscribe myself

Yours, Fraternally,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL,

D. D. G. M. of the 12th Masonic District.

LIST OF LODGES.

The following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge :—

First District.

R. W. BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston.

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| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1853.) |
| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Winalow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Revere, Boston, (1857.) |
| Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) | Pequossette, Watertown, (1857.) |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Hammatt, East Boston, (1860.) |
| Mount Tabor, East Boston, (1846.) | |

Second District.

R. W. WILLIAM SUTTON, Salem.

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| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1760.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1766.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1852.) |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Caleb Butler, South Groton. |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Wilder, Leominster, (1860.) |
| Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) | John Hancock, Methuen, (1861.) |
| St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) | |

Fourth District.

R. W. CHESTER L. CHAMBERLAIN, Milford.

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| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Blackstone River, Bl'kstone, (1856.) |
| Olive Branch, Sutton, (1797.) | Webster, Webster, (1858.) |
| Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, (1818.) | Oxford, Oxford, (1860.) |
| Franklin, Grafton, (1852.) | John Warren, Hopkinton, (1861.) |

Fifth District.

R. W. ENOS LORING, Hingham.

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| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Paul Revere, North Bridgewater, (1857.) |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) | John Cutler, Abington, (1860.) |
| Rural, Quincy, (1801.) | Orient, So. Dedham, U. D. |
| Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) | |
| Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) | |

Sixth District.

R. W. HENRY GODDARD, Worcester.

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| Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) | Montacute, Worcester, (1859.) |
| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Trinity, Clinton, (1856.) |
| Meridian, Natick, (1797.) | United Brethren, Marlboro', (1859.) |
| Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) | Quinebaug, Southbridge, (1859.) |
| Quaboag, Warren, (1859.) | |

Seventh District.

R. W. JAS. M. COOK, Taunton.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1798.) | Eureka, New Bedford, (1858.) |
| St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) | Bristol, Attleboro', restored in 1859. |
| Star in the East, N. Bedford, (1823.) | Pythagoras, Marion, U. D. |
| Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) | |

Eighth District.**R. W. Rev. R. S. POPE, Hyannis.**

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| King Hiram, Provincetown, (1795.) | Mt. Horeb, West Harwich, (1835.) |
| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1856.) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1801.) | Pilgrim, South Harwich, (1859.) |
| Union, Nantucket, (1771.) | Martha's Vineyard, Tisbury, (1860.) |

Ninth District.**R. W. WM. S. SHURTLEFF, Springfield.**

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| Cincinnati, G. Barrington, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795.) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Lafayette, Adams, (North.), (1796) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796) | Berkshire, Adams, South, (1856) |
| Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) | |

Tenth District.**R. W. E. P. GRAVES, Greenfield.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Orange, Orange, (1860.) |
| Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) | Pacific, Amherst, (1861.) |
| Bethel, Enfield, (1825.) | |

Eleventh District.**R. W. JOHN K. HALL, Somerville.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856.) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Wyoming, Melrose, (1857.) |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1844.) | Mount Vernon, Malden, (1858.) |
| Putnam, East Cambridge, (1855.) | John Abbot, Somerville, (1858.) |
| Mount Hermon, Medford, (1855.) | Henry Price, Charlestown, (1859.) |

Twelfth District.**R. W. WILLIAM W. BAKER, Boston.**

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| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Gate of the Temple, South Boston, (1856.) |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, (1857.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | Aberdour, Boston, (1862.) |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Dalhousie, Newton, (1861.) |
| St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) | |

GEORGE H. KENDALL, Deputy for Chili, South America.

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| Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1854.) | Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, S. A., (1858.) |
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ARMY LODGES.

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| Bay State Army Lodge, | No. 1, 3d Regt. |
| Massachusetts Army Lodge, | No. 2, 16th " |
| United Brethren " " | No. 3, 17th " |
| Fraternal " " | No. 4, 25th " |
| Bunker Hill " " | No. 5, 2d " |

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AND

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CHARLES W. MOORE, *Grand Secretary,*
Freemasons' Hall, Boston.

Boston, March 25, 1861.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

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B. F. Nourse } *Grand Lecturers of the*
I. P. SEAVEY, } *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.*

Boston, Feb. 20, 1861.

Boston, Feb. 21, 1861.

A DIGEST OF MASONIC LAW, by Brother CHARLES W. MOORE, needs no other recommendation than his own name.

If, however, the official positions held by the undersigned are considered as attaching any additional value to their opinions, or additional importance to their indorsement of the work, they most cordially give it the benefit of both, and recommend it to all the Fraternity, especially to the Masons of this jurisdiction, as emphatically a correct, useful, and valuable Manual.

WINSLOW LEWIS, *P. G. M.*
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WM. D. COOLIDGE, *Grand Master.*

I take great pleasure in recommending the above little work to all the Lodges and Brethren in this jurisdiction, as admirably calculated to promote an accurate knowledge of the RITUAL.

[Turn over.]

As a reliable text-book of MASONIC LAW, it should be in the hands of every initiate, and may be profitably studied by every Brother desirous of perfecting himself in Masonic culture.

Wm. D. COOLIDGE, G. Master
of G. L. of Massachusetts.
Boston, March 19, 1861.

Boston, March 26th, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was this morning favored with the gift of a neatly bound copy of your "Trestle-Board and Digest," for which please accept my acknowledgements.

It is even a better and more useful work than I supposed it to be when I gave it the "indorsement" which is printed under the head of "recommendations." The "Digest" will be very useful to Masters of Lodges, and, in fact, to all who desire to know the exact Masonic law or questions of frequent occurrence in the government of Lodges.

Very fraternally yours,

TO CHARLES W. MOORE, Esq.

JOHN T. HEARD.

[From R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Bain, Grand Secretary of N. C.]

"I received a few days since your Trestle-Board and Digest, for which you will accept of my warmest thanks. It is certainly a valuable compilation of Masonic Law, and it should be purchased by every Mason who may feel disposed to become acquainted with the Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry. I wish you much success in the sale of your valuable little Manual."

[From the Boston Post.]

MOORE'S POCKET TRESTLE-BOARD AND DIGEST.—The Pocket Trestle-Board and Practical Digest of the Laws of Ancient Masonry, written and published by Charles W. Moore, G. Lodge of Massachusetts. We have been greatly pleased with an inspection of this little volume, which certainly deserves the title of *multum in parvo*, as well as any book we have ever seen. To all members of the Masonic Order it must prove invaluable, and the almost minute compactness of the form renders it a convenient pocket companion. A full and clear index—that most useful adjunct of all books—is prefixed to the Laws, and the volume closes with a complete list of all the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

[From the Saturday Evening Gazette, Boston.]

The Pocket Trestle-Board and Digest is the title of a neat little Masonic work, prepared by C. W. Moore, Grand Secretary of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. It may be carried in the pocket, but it contains a great deal of information useful to those progressing in the degrees, besides a digest of Masonic Law that must prove valuable to the entire fraternity.

[From the Bunker Hill Aurora, Charlestown.]

MASONIC MANUAL.—C. W. Moore, Esq., has just published a new Masonic Manual of miniature size, intended for individual use, and convenient to be carried in the pocket. It is what Masons call a "Trestle-Board," and includes an outline of "Masonic work," in the ceremonies and proceedings of a Lodge. It is otherwise called the "Ritual," and contains, in abridgement, all that is ever written or printed of the work of Masons in the Lodge room, or on public occasions. Added to this is a full and comprehensive Digest of Masonic Law—a new and very important portion of the work, which has been prepared with great carefulness by the accomplished author.

With this brief statement of the characteristics of the volume, to the fraternity, no further word of remark is necessary. It is more complete and perfect and comprehensive, in design and execution, than any similar work ever published, and will have a beneficial influence upon the institution for all the future of its existence, principally because it will promote efficiency and uniformity in the work, and furnishes the Lodges a more exact and definite code of laws for their government.

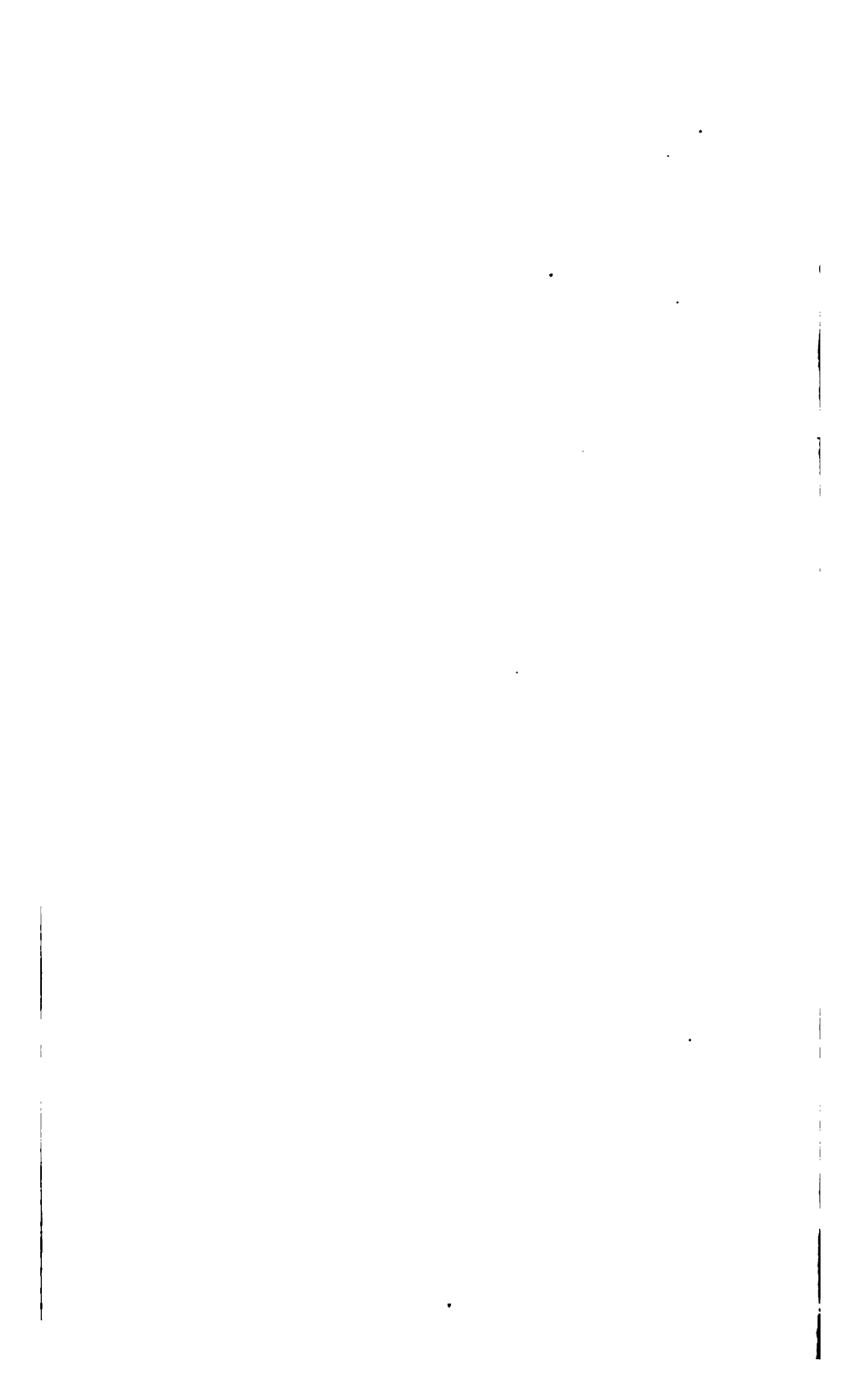
The volume comprises eighty pages in small type, printed on fine paper, tastefully executed and handsomely bound, and is a gem of a book externally as well as in respect to its contents. It is the condensation of knowledge and experience in Masonic affairs, and has cost the author much more labor than the size of the volume would indicate. If there was ever a manual or volume to which the motto "*multum in parvo*" could be truthfully applied, it is to this little book, and we are of opinion, for reasons already indicated, that the fraternity of this country are under great obligations to their learned Brother for offerings to them, as Lodges and as individuals, this valuable memorial of his intelligence and taste.

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OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
IN UNION WITH
THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND LODGES
IN
EUROPE AND AMERICA,
According to the Old Constitutions,
From March 12 to Dec. 30, 1862, being its 129th Anniversary.

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, G. M.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

BOSTON:
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1863.

 The M. W. Grand Master orders the presiding officers of the respective Lodges under this jurisdiction to cause this communication to be read in open Lodge ; and also the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Meetings of the Lodges.

A B S T R A C T
OF
T H E P R O C E E D I N G S O F
T H E
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
FROM
MARCH 12, 1862, TO DECEMBER 30, 1862.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 12, A. L. 5862.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, March 12, A. L. 5862.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.

R. W. Marshall P. Wilder, D. G. M.

“ **Henry Chickering, S. G. W.**

“ **Peter C. Jones, J. G. W.**

“ **John McClellan, G. Treasurer.**

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“ **Charles L. Woodbury, C. G. S.**

W. Rev. T. J. Greenwood, G. Chaplain.

“ **William D. Stratton, G. Marshal.**

“ **William H. Sampson, S. G. D.**

“ **C. C. Dame, J. G. D.**

“ **D. McB. Thaxter,**

“ **W. F. Salmon,** } **G. Stewards.**

“ **E. J. Cleveland,**

“ **J. W. Barton, G. Pursuivant.**

Br. S. H. Gregory, G. Chorister.

Br. Irving I. Harwood, G. Organist.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Benjamin Dean, | District No. 1. |
| " William Sutton, | " No. 2. |
| " William S. Gardner, | " No. 3. |
| " Enos Loring, | " No. 5. |
| " Henry Goddard, | " No. 6. |
| " Rev. R. S. Pope, | " No. 8. |
| " William S. Shurtleff, | " No. 9. |
| " E. P. Graves, | " No. 10. |
| " John K. Hall, | " No. 11. |
| " William W. Baker, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at half-past 2 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Bro. A. J. Morton was recognized as Proxy for Union Lodge, Nantucket.

The Dispensation of Orient Lodge, at South Dedham, together with the Record of their doings the past year, and a copy of their By-Laws, were presented and referred to Brothers Goddard, Paige, and Baker. And this Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

The undersigned, a Committee to whom was referred the petition of Orient Lodge, at South Dedham, praying that a Charter may be issued to them, respectfully

REPORT:

That having carefully examined the By-Laws and Records of said Lodge, while under Dispensation, would recommend, that, inasmuch as certain informalities appear on the Records, the same be referred to the M. W. Grand Master, and that a Charter shall issue whenever the Grand Master shall judge it expedient.

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| HENRY GODDARD, | } Committee. |
| LUCIUS R. PAIGE, | |
| WILLIAM W. BAKER, | |

A communication from the W. Master of Fellowship Lodge, Bridgewater, was presented and referred to Bros. Gardner, Loring, and Jones, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge, March 12, 1862.

The special Committee of the Grand Lodge to whom was referred the communication of the W. Master of Fellowship Lodge, of Bridgewater, relating to the jurisdiction of that Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That in 1797 the Grand Lodge granted a Charter to this Lodge "within the town of Bridgewater, county of Plymouth," &c.; that since then Charters have been regularly granted to Paul Revere Lodge, at North Bridgewater, and to John Cutler Lodge, at Abington. The old town of Bridgewater has also, since the establishment of Fellowship Lodge, been divided by the Legislature of Massachusetts, into North Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, and Bridgewater. Fellowship Lodge is still located in Bridgewater, as now established by the Legislature, and claims that it has jurisdiction by virtue of its Charter, over the towns of East and West Bridgewater, because these towns are part of the territory included in its original Charter, although the inhabitants may be nearer to the Lodges located at North Bridgewater and Abington.

The precise question then raised by the communication submitted to your Committee, is this—does the Grand Lodge, when it grants a Charter to a Lodge in a certain town, give exclusive jurisdiction to *that* Lodge over all the territory in *that* town for all time, even though the Legislature may divide the territory into several towns; or, in other words, does the Grand Lodge recognize the division of towns as made and established by the State Legislature, as affecting the Charters of subordinate Lodges?

Your Committee find that the Grand Lodges recognize State lines in their jurisdiction, as witness the territory of Maine, once under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, but now a separate and exclusive jurisdiction. Can it be said that this Grand Lodge can claim and exercise jurisdiction over those parts of our State which by law have recently become parts of Rhode Island?

Our Constitution and all our Charters recognize the town lines and boundaries as made by the Legislature. Would it be safe to grant special jurisdiction to Lodges over territory separated by intervening towns? Your Committee believe not.

They are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge must be bound, in the jurisdiction of its subordinate Lodges, by the boundaries of towns and cities as made by the law of the land, and that any change in those boundaries, made after the Charter of a Lodge has been granted, makes a corresponding change in the jurisdiction of the Lodges in those towns. By no other rule could we live in peace and quietness.

Applying this rule then to Fellowship Lodge, at Bridgewater, your Committee find that this Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over the town of Bridgewater, as now established by the Legislature; and that over the adjoining towns, where no Lodge exists, it has concurrent jurisdiction, as is provided in the 5th Sect. of Art. III. of the Grand Lodge Constitutions, as amended in Grand Lodge, Dec. 12, 1860.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. GARDNER, }
 PETER C. JONES, } *Committee.*
 E. LORING, }

The M. W. Grand Master announced a decision he had recently made in reference to the Work of the *first* and *second* degrees, and exhibited to the Grand Lodge the precise and particular manner in which he had decided the information referred to, should be communicated. Whereupon, on motion, it was

Voted, That the Grand Lecturers be instructed by the Grand Master to communicate throughout this jurisdiction, the Work as exemplified by him this day in Grand Lodge.

It was then, on motion of Br. George G. Smith,

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine the Ritual Work of the Grand Lodge; ascertain what alterations or changes, if any, have been made in the same, since its revision in 1849, and report at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed on the foregoing Committee, Brothers George G. Smith, William W. Baker, Peter C. Jones, John K. Hall, and Charles C. Dame.

R. W. Brother W. S. Shurtleff proposed as an amendment of the Constitution, to strike out the word "*two*" in the first line of Sec. 17, Art. 8, Part I., and insert "*three*" instead thereof.

The proposition was referred to Brothers Benj. Dean, Wm. Sayward, and S. D. Nickerson.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form at 5 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—JUNE 11, A. L. 5862.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, June 11, A. L. 5862, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, G. Master.
 R. W. Marshall P. Wilder, D. G. M.
 " Henry Chickering, S. G. W.
 " Peter C. Jones, J. G. W.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 W. Rev. T. J. Greenwood, G. Chaplain.
 " Wm. D. Stratton, G. Marshal.
 " William H. Sampson, S. G. Deacon.
 " Charles C. Dame, J. G. Deacon.
 " D. McB. Thaxter, } G. Stewards.
 " E. J. Cleveland, }
 " J. W. Barton, G. Pursuivant.
 " Charles C. Dame, } G. Lecturers.
 " E. D. Bancroft, }
 " S. H. Gregory, G. Organist.

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| " John K. Hall, | " No. 11. |
| " William W. Baker, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. The Record of the last communication was read.

The Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the Dispensation, Records, &c., of Pythagoras Lodge, U. D. at Marion, which were referred to Brothers Gardner, Sher-

man, and Pope. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

Grand Lodge, June 11, 1862.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John D. Allen and others, of Marion, praying that a Charter may be granted them under the name of Pythagoras Lodge, respectfully

R E P O R T :

That on the 13th day of July last, the M. W. Grand Master, granted his Dispensation to Br. John D. Allen and others, of Marion, with power to there open a Lodge of Masons and work therein.

Upon examination of such Brethren as are present at this Grand Communication, and of the papers returned by the petitioners, your Committee do not feel willing to recommend that a Charter be granted.

Without setting forth their reasons, therefore, your Committee recommend that the present Dispensation be continued until the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge in December next, and that then the petitioners be required to make return thereof, as fully as by the Dispensation they were directed to return the same at the present meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. GARDNER.

R. S. POPE.

CHAS. J. F. SHERMAN.

R. W. Br. Dean offered the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts—

The undersigned Committee on the subject of the appointment of an additional Grand Lecturer, respectfully

R E P O R T ,

That they have carefully considered the question submitted to them, and are of opinion that the increase of the number of Lodges in the Commonwealth is such as to make an additional Grand Lecturer advisable, and perhaps necessary.

It is desirable that an officer, whose peculiar business it is to afford to the Brethren correct information upon all matters relating to the details of the Ritual should be reasonably accessible. They therefore recommend that the number of Grand Lecturers be increased from two to three, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

BENJ. DEAN, *for the Committee.*

The Grand Master then announced the appointment of Bros. Charles C. Dame, of Boston, and L. H. Gamwell, of Pittsfield, as Grand Lecturers, with Bro. E. D. Bancroft, of Groton—Bro. Benj. Nourse having resigned.

An invitation was received from the Committee of Arrangements, inviting the Grand Lodge to unite with the Fraternity in Maine, at Portland, in celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the introduction of Masonry into that State, on the 24th instant, which, on motion of Bro. Moore, was accepted, and the Grand Officers requested to attend on the occasion.

On motion of Bro. Lewis, it was

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for Charitable purposes, three hundred dollars to be placed in the hands of the Committee of Charity and two hundred in the hands of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for distribution.

Bro. John H. Marcy was recognized as proxy for Quinebaug Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed at half-past 6 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—SEPT. 10, A. L. 5862.

A Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, September 10, A. L. 5862.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.
- R. W. Henry Chickering, S. G. W.
- “ Jesse P. Pattee, J. G. W. p. t.
- “ John McClellan, G. Treasurer.
- “ Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
- “ Charles L. Woodbury, C. G. S.
- W. Rev. T. J. Greenwood, G. Chaplain.
- “ William D. Stratton, G. Marshal.
- “ William H. Sampson, S. G. D.

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| W. C. C. Dame, J. G. D. | |
| " D. McB. Thaxter, | } G. Stewards. |
| " W. F. Salmon, | |
| " E. J. Cleveland, | |
| " Isaac Cary, G. Pursuivant. | |
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| " William W. Baker, | " No. 12. |

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Brother Nathaniel Smith was recognized as proxy for Meridian Lodge.

The expulsion of Silas Piper by Thomas Lodge, and accompanying proceedings, were presented, and referred to Brothers Goddard, Goodwin, and Cleveland, who subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

The Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of Thomas Lodge, Palmer, relating to the expulsion of Br. Silas Piper from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, have examined the same, and ask leave to submit the following

R E P O R T:

That in consequence of informalities in the Records, the whole matter be referred back to the Lodge for further action.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

HENRY GODDARD.

JOHN A. GOODWIN.

E. J. CLEVELAND.

Boston, Sept. 10, 1862.

The proceedings of Union Lodge, Nantucket, in the expulsion of Alexander P. Moore, were laid before the Grand Lodge, and referred to Bros. Pope, Sayward, and

C. C. Dame, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the expulsion of Bro. Alex. P. Moore, from Union Lodge, Nantucket, have attended to that duty, and respectfully beg leave to

REPORT,

That it does not appear in evidence, from the documents put into their hands, that the charges were made over the signature of a Master Mason, as required by the Constitution, nor that the constitutional time of fourteen days intervened between the summons and the trial of the accused, and therefore the proceedings, in the opinion of your Committee, are irregular and void.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S. POPE.

WM. SAYWARD.

C. C. DAME.

A petition signed by Bro. Alvin Fuller, W. Master, and twentyone others, members of Meridian Lodge, at Natick, praying that a new Charter may issue to them instead of their original one, recently lost by fire, was presented and received—whereupon, on motion, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary execute and deliver to the Petitioners (being present members of Meridian Lodge,) and their associates, a new Charter, granting and continuing to them and their successors, the precedence in Grand Lodge, and all the rights, powers and privileges which were granted and vested in them by the original Charter.

On motion of R. W. Bro. McClellan, it was

Voted, That as the particular cause which led to its adoption has been removed, the Resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed in 1853, requiring Diplomas of visiting Brethren from the State of New York, is hereby repealed.

The Grand Master having informed the Grand Lodge that some valuable acquisitions had been made to the Library, through the generosity of the R. W. Past Grand

Master Lewis, it was, on motion of R. W. Br. Heard, unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, for his generous donations to the Library, and for the active interest he has always manifested in its behalf.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, at 5 o'clock.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 10, A. L. 5862.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday, December 10th, A. L. 5862.

P R E S E N T .

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, G. Master.
 R. W. Marshall P. Wilder, D. G. M.
 " Henry Chickering, S. G. W.
 " Peter C. Jones, J. G. W.
 " John McClellan, G. Treasurer.
 " Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.
 " Charles L. Woodbury, C. G. Secretary.
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 " Isaac Cary, } G. Pursuivants.
 " J. W. Barton, }
 " Charles C. Dame, }
 " E. D. Bancroft, } G. Lecturers.
 " L. H. Gamwell, }
 Br. S. H. Gregory, G. Chorister.
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The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at 2 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Several Brethren, representatives of Lodges, had permission to sit without their jewels.

The Dispensation of Pythagoras Lodge, at Marion, was continued for six months from the present time.

Bro. H. T. Robbins was recognized as Proxy for Cincinnati Lodge.

The Auditing Committee submitted their Annual Report, which was adopted.

The proceedings of Philanthropic Lodge in the expulsion of Richardson Knowland, were presented and referred to Brothers Gardner, Brown, and Sayward. The Committee subsequently offered the following Report, which was adopted, and the expulsion confirmed.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Dec. 10, 1862.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead, praying that the expulsion of Richardson Knowland of Marblehead, and a member of said Lodge, be approved by the Grand Lodge, respectfully

REPORT,

That they have carefully examined the records and proceedings of Philanthropic Lodge in the premises, and find them to be in conformity with the constitutional requirements in all respects; they have also had the W. Master of said Lodge before them, and listened to his account of the proceedings, they would therefore recommend that the

M. W. Grand Lodge approve of the expulsion of said Richardson Knowland by Philanthropic Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. GARDNER, }
WM. SAYWARD, } Committee.
HENRY A. BROWN, }

The following Report was presented and adopted, and on motion of Bro. Lewis, the Committee were authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars, as asked for in the report.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

By authority of votes of the Grand Lodge adopted December, 1861, and June, 1862, the undersigned have, during the past year, drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, for charitable purposes. Of this amount they have distributed from this office the sum of \$328 06 to fiftythree worthy Masonic applicants, many of them strangers, from other States, seeking employment in the city, but failing to obtain it, were left without the means of support, or of returning home to their friends. These have been relieved to the extent of their necessities.

There still remains a balance in the hands of your Committee of \$71 94, which they respectfully ask may be increased by the addition of 100 dollars.

The necessary vouchers accompany this Report.

WM. D. COOLIDGE, G. M.
CHAS. W. MOORE, G. Sec.

Office of the Grand Secretary, Dec. 9, 1862.

The Committee on the Library offered the following Report, which was adopted:—

Grand Lodge, Dec. 10, 1862.

The Committee on the Library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

REPORT,

That the accession of valuable and interesting works has been very considerable, both as to numbers and importance, and that this Library of Masonic Literature may now be considered as a collection worthy of the first Grand Lodge of the Union. The large number of loose pamphlets have been handsomely bound in seventyfive 8vo. volumes, and duly catalogued, and another case placed in the Grand Secretary's room to receive the large addition to the Library.

WINSLOW LEWIS.

The Committee on the expulsion of Silas Palmer, by Thomas Lodge, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the action of Thomas Lodge at Palmer, expelling Bro. Silas Palmer, from the rights and privileges of Masonry, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to Report, that we find the proceedings of Thomas Lodge in the premises, according to the requirement of the Grand Lodge, and we recommend the Grand Lodge to confirm their action.

ENOS LORING,
C. L. CHAMBERLIN, } Committee.
F. HEBARD,

On motion of the G. Treasurer, it was

Voted, That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be placed in the hands of the Committee of Charity for charitable distribution.

The M. W. Grand Master announced, in appropriate terms, the decease, at Portsmouth, N. H., of Bro. Isaac P. Seavey, and of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Osgood, of Springfield, the former a Past D. D. G. Master, and the latter one of the G. Chaplains of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on motion, a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Randall, and R. W. Brothers Lewis and Chickering, was appointed to prepare suitable Resolutions expressive of the esteem in which the deceased were held by their Brethren, and of the sympathies of the Grand Lodge in the great loss their families have sustained by their deaths.

The hour for the Election of Officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master ordered a return of the voters, and appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes.

The votes were then taken for Grand Master, and Bro. WILLIAM PARKMAN, Esq., of Boston, was duly elected, and R. W. Brothers Robinson, Randall, Warren, Sutor, and Woodbury were appointed a Committee to wait upon him and inform him of his election. This Committee soon

after returned, accompanied by Brother Parkman, who was cordially received and congratulated by the Grand Master, to which he made a suitable response, and signified his acceptance of the office.

The election then proceeded, and the following Brethren were elected :—

- R. W. WILLIAM C. MARTIN, of Boston, Senior Grand Warden.
- " DANIEL REYNOLDS, of Springfield, Junior Grand Warden.
- " JOHN McCLELLAN, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.
- " CHARLES W. MOORE, Boston, Grand Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

R. W. John T. Heard, Winnow Lewis, William North, G. Washington Warren,
William D. Coolidge.

[The M. W. Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Rec. G. Secretary, are *ex-officio* members of this Board.]

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

S. D. Nickerson, C. J. F. Sherman, and Sylvester Trull.

It being stated that the 27th of December, the present year, falls on Saturday, it was

Voted, That the Installation of the Officers and the Annual Feast, take place on Tuesday the 30th.

Brothers Dean, Gregory, and Briggs were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the occasion.

On motion of R. W. Br. Paige, it was

Voted, That the 7th Article of the First Part of the Constitution, and so much of the Sixth Article, as relates to the Election of Officers, be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration, with a request that they will report at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge such amendments as they may think expedient and proper to be made.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, at half-past 5 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING—DEC. 30, A. L. 5962.

MORNING SESSION.

The Annual Meeting for the Exemplification of the Work, and the Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, was held in Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1862.

P R E S E N T .

- M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, G. Master.
 R. W. Marshall P. Wilder, D. G. M.
 " Henry Chickering, S. G. W.
 " Peter C. Jones, J. G. W.
 " Jesse P. Pattee, G. Treasurer p. t.
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 " Wm. D. Stratton, G. Marshal.
 " William Sayward, S. G. Deacon p. t.
 " Charles C. Dame, J. G. Deacon.
 " George Stacy, } G. Stewards.
 " Levi Matherson, }
 " J. W. Barton, G. Pursuivant.
 " Charles C. Dame, } G. Lecturers.
 " E. D. Bancroft, }

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at half-past nine o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Secretary offered the following Report of the Committee of Charity, which was adopted :—

R E P O R T .

Boston, Nov. 26, A. L. 5862.

The Grand Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would respectfully Report, that during the past year they have received from this Grand Lodge the sum of six hundred dollars, and have paid out to eightyfive applicants, six hundred and two dollars, leaving a balance due the Committee of two dollars.

For the Grand Charity Committee.

WILLIAM READ, *Chairman.*

The Grand Secretary also laid before the Grand Lodge sundry documents from Valparaiso, S. A., relative to the

organization of a Grand Lodge in that city for Chili, which requiring immediate action, were referred to R. W. Brothers Warren, Moore, and Lewis.

The M. W. Grand Master then stated the particular object of the meeting to be the Exemplification of the Work and Lectures, and invited the Grand Lecturers to take their places and proceed with the duties of their appointment.

A Lodge of Instruction was then organized, and the Work of the first and second degrees was rehearsed, when the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock, P. M. At which hour it was called on again, when the following Report was presented and adopted:—

The Committee of the Grand Lodge to whom have been referred the Circular from a body purporting to be the Grand Lodge of Chili the letter and Report of R. W. George H. Kendall, Special Dis. Dep. G. Master in Chili, and a Circular letter from W. A. Martin, have considered the same and ask leave to

R E P O R T .

They find that by the action of three or more Lodges regularly constituted in that Republic, a Grand Lodge has been organized and installed, and is now performing the usual functions of a Grand Masonic body, under the name of the Grand Lodge of Chili. Although W. A. Martin, Master of one of the Lodges, under the G. Orient of France, which did not co operate in the organization of the Grand Lodge, has in his letter pointed out some technical informalities in the proceedings, yet the Circular of this Grand Lodge seems to meet them all; in fact, the zeal and good faith with which the new body seeks to refute the objections urged by W. Bro. Martin, evince a laudable desire on their part to conform to established Masonic usages and precedents, and to approve themselves to the favor of the Grand Masonic powers of the world.

R. W. Bro. Kendall, who, as Special District Deputy Grand Master represents this jurisdiction in Chili, in his letter to our M. W. Grand Master, in reference to this matter, in controversy, says, "Every thing considered, I believe that the Order in Chili will be much benefitted by it, (that is the recognition of the Grand Lodge.) Something of the kind was required, and if it may seem well to the M. W. Grand Lodge

over whom you preside, I would recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Chili."

Inasmuch, therefore, as our official Representative declares that this would be for the good of Masonry, your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that his recommendation be adopted, and that, until otherwise directed by this Grand Lodge, he be authorized and requested to recognize the Grand Lodge of Chili as a body regularly constituted and organized.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
CHAS. W. MOORE,
WINSLOW LEWIS, } *Committee.*

Dec. 30, 1862.

The Exemplification of the third degree was then given by the Grand Lecturers, after which the Grand Lodge was closed until 6 o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the Grand Lodge was opened, in ample form, at half-past 6 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

P R E S E N T.

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master.

R. W. Marshall P. Wilder, D. G. M.

" Henry Chickering, S. G. W.

" Peter C. Jones, J. G. W.

" John McClellan, G. Treasurer.

" Charles W. Moore, R. G. Secretary.

" Charles L. Woodbury, C. G. S.

W. Rev. T. J. Greenwood, G. Chaplain.

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The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Brethren of the M. W. Grand Lodge—

Again, Brethren, in the kind providence of God, we are permitted to assemble in peace, while many are surrounded by the stormy scenes of war and the tumult of the people. We have been carried through the past year, which to all has been a year of trial and discipline, with a hopeful trust in the guiding wisdom of a Heavenly Parent; and though "men can as yet see no bright light in the cloud," that same trust teaches us to believe "that it hath a silver lining," and that this discipline will be instrumental of good to those who will listen to its teachings; who will humbly and deeply acknowledge their dependence, and still seek lovingly and trustingly for that light and guidance from above, which can only come from the fountain of all love and wisdom. In view of all the mercies by which we are surrounded, let gratitude be the prevailing sentiment of our hearts.

Notwithstanding the trying times through which we have past, the Lodges in this jurisdiction have been quite as much occupied with Masonic work as could reasonably have been expected or desired, the number of initiates being about nine hundred. Though not quite so large as usual, it is no indication that growth, true Masonic growth and culture, are not quite as vigorous as in any former year. I believe it to be more so, and that more leisure has afforded opportunities to learn better and more fully the true meaning of our institution; the Brethren have become more and better acquainted with each other, and the scenes through which we have passed, though they have lessened our work, have developed in us a more true Masonic character, and have been instrumental in connecting us nearer and closer to each other than in any former period. If this shall be the fruit of this great trial, the teaching will not surely have been lost upon us.

"The hours of pain have yielded good
Which prosperous days refused,
As herbs, though scentless when entire,
Spread fragrance when they're bruised."

A season of relaxation from labor, too, has afforded opportunity for the study of the work and lectures; and at no former period, in my recollection, have the Brethren of this Grand Lodge ever evinced such deep interest as the past year has shown. It is a matter of congratulation, that during the past year you have established so firmly what the work and lectures shall be; and we are truly fortunate in having such devoted hearts, and such intelligent minds in our Grand Lecturers, who have delighted us to day by the evidences of their deep study and practice, so that in future they may be looked up to as oracles, and their decisions final and binding. But it is not enough, Brethren, that you are perfect in the ritual, and that no word is wanting to clothe our beautiful ceremonies in language equally beautiful. Your own character, also, must give weight to your instructions; your example and true Masonic spirit will ever speak louder, and more forcibly, than your words or ceremonies, and show by your example, both in and out of the Lodge, that the true spirit of our Institution fills your hearts. Let no vaunting ambition swerve you from this course, but let your only aim be that of usefulness to your Brethren—and let it be bounded by that. Whenever it exceeds this healthy limit, radicalism and party spirit, and the practice of electioneering creeps in, and we bring into this ancient conservative Institution the worst elements of a popular political campaign, which will be sure to work the ruin of that peace and harmony which is the ground-work of our happiness, and the end we all wish to reach. In your individual and associated relations may your acts ever conduce to the advancement of Masonry as an institution, and more especially to the advancement and dignity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and its subordinates. Let careful, discreet and calm deliberation characterize your proceedings, and all generous and charitable conclusions fill your breasts—that charity that thinketh no evil, that hopeth all things.

Principles are eternal—individuals are nothing. Harmony, brotherly love, and all charitable and Masonic graces, every thing. No where on the face of the earth should we be able to look with more certainty and greater confidence for the realization of these hopes than in the bosom of the parent Institution of Massachusetts. If I know my own heart, and God is looking upon it, and in his sight I say, it beats with the one single wish and prayer, that those manly and Masonic

virtues which have ever been the characteristics of this Grand Lodge, may be held in perpetuity by every Brother who is privileged to hold a seat here, temporary though it be. Let this spirit ever prevail in the parent Institution and its genial influence will descend and bless our Lodges, and keep our harmony and cheerfulness unimpaired, and we may look hopefully for their growth among those whom we serve and love.

I desire, Brethren, to call your attention to one of the Amendments of the Constitution, passed Dec. 12, 1860, viz : Art. 3, Sect 5, which reads

"Applications for initiation shall be made to the Lodge in the town or city where the petitioner resides, if there be a Lodge therein ; but if there be none, then he shall apply to the Lodge most convenient to his residence."

This Section has received such a latitude of construction as to lead to much difficulty between Lodges as to jurisdiction, and I recommend the subject as entitled to your serious consideration, that it may be more fully defined what is meant by the term "most convenient."

Since the new organization as a Corporation, in my opinion the present edition of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts needs an entire revision, and a new edition provided under the care of wise and discreet Brethren, which shall be worthy of this Grand Lodge, many of the most important amendments being now on fly leaves, and many of the Lodges even without these ; our new relations as a Grand Lodge and as a Corporation, seem to me imperatively to require a new edition of the Constitutions, and our means are adequate to any thing we may desire of this kind.

In relation to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, the retiring Grand Master is made most happy that he is able to leave his position with the knowledge that the entire floating debt of the Grand Lodge is paid ; that during his administration the mortgage on the Winthrop House has been lessened, and that all claims on the charities of the Institution, coming within our rules, have been met, liberally and effectively, the weary have been rested and refreshed ; the widow and the orphan cheered, and the coming Grand Master will have it in his power during the next year to accomplish what I know has been the desire of his heart, an increase in the charities of the Grand Lodge, perfectly consistent with meeting promptly every just requirement.

Since our last Annual Communication I have, on the 30th Dec., 1861, constituted and consecrated Aberdour Lodge, Boston ; March 18, constituted and consecrated Orient Lodge, at South Dedham, and ded-

icated their new Hall, and on March 13 granted a Dispensation for Day-Spring Lodge, at Monson.

I have granted five Dispensations the past year, to worthy and experienced Brethren, to form Lodges in the Army. These Lodges are now in operation as follow:—

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| Bay State Army Lodge, | No. 1, | in 3d regt. |
| Massachusetts do. | " 2, | in 16th do. |
| United Brethren do. | " 3, | in 17th do. |
| Fraternal do. | " 4, | in 25th do. |
| Bunker Hill do. | " 5, | in 2d do. |
| McClellan do. | " 6, | in 43d do. |
| Berkshire Camp do. | " 7, | in 49th do. |
| Putnam do. | " 8, | in 39th do. |
| Olive Branch do. | " 9, | in 42d do. |
| Warren do. | " 10, | in 32d do. |

Decembor 22, laid the Corner-Stone of the New City Hall, Boston.

Next to the approval of our own conscience and the approbation of our Maker, is the gratification of knowing that we have the love and confidence of those whom we serve and love ourselves. Our District Deputy Grand Masters, by their fidelity and zeal have entitled themselves to all these—and now, beloved Brethren, after a close union with you of five years, let me say, that some of the most valuable friendships of my life have been formed with you ; and though I retire from official connexion with you I shall ever hold you in kindest remembrance.

The year that has past has been characterized by the introduction of the two most important and most excitable subjects which can occupy the minds of the Brethren, viz:—the establishment of the Ritual, now fixed, I trust, permanently, and the subject of Dispensations. Add to these the important matters growing out of this most unusual state of civil war, and you will agree with me, I think, that quite as much of excitement as is wholesome for us, has been crowded into our thoughts for the year now closed. All this has necessarily added to the cares and anxieties of the Chair, but I have been surrounded by wise and able counsellors, and in my decisions I have nothing to alter or regret.

If there is any one part of a building requiring the greatest care, it is the foundation. Whatever else we neglect, let this be secured. It has been my aim to preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order, and that which the wisdom of the founders of our Institution vested in the

Grand Master as his prerogatives, I have not dared to delegate to others. And I have the satisfaction of knowing that my decisions in this respect have met the approval of those whose approbation I value highest.

For this state of war there is no precedent, nor is there precedent for such a sudden influx into the Institution from the Army, of those, who, from the circumstances of the case, must be made "at sight," the prerogative alone of the Grand Master, as I am taught by a strict examination of the ancient landmarks, and the best council of the wise and prudent, whom we all revere. I have met this pressure readily and earnestly, for it has been made by those whose patriotic impulses have led them forth to battle for their country; to stand for you and me, and bare their breasts to the bullet aimed at the nation's heart, and I could not find it in my own to refuse any aid, comfort or protection which I might be instrumental in throwing around them. I have been strengthened in this by the careful and earnest assurances from you, W. Masters of fortyone of our Lodges who have applied to me, that in granting to you Dispensations for this purpose, for the hasty admission of one hundred and thirteen candidates, dispensing with all the requirements of the Constitution, receiving an application, balloting on the same, and conferring the degrees, all within five consecutive hours! I have been strengthened, I say, by your assurances of care, and the confidence I have felt in the prudence and sagacity of the Brethren. In the midst of these scenes of war and bloodshed I see not how we could have done less, and in the retrospect I have not a single instance to regret. Of the one hundred and thirteen, nearly all are officers; this indeed is the fact among the six hundred of our Brethren who are doing battle for us in the Army of the United States. May God's shield be over them; may He nerve their arms and strengthen their hearts for the performance of duty; never wavering even in the presence of a rebel Brother, till he has surrendered, or is prostrate at their feet.

War is not the rule, it is the exception, and when these days of discipline and trial are over; when we shall have met them in a spirit of humble submission, and learned the lessons of humility they seem designed to teach; when this whole land shall feel as one man, that it is not solely his own right arm that hath gotten him all this, but when all hearts bow in humility and patience, then may we hope to be delivered.

" Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease,

And like a bell with solemn, sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of 'Christ say—Peace."

Alas ! how many have fallen ! No, not fallen, but gone up in chariots of fire, to join the martyrs of all ages, above.

At their own, or at family request, I have been called on to bury with Masonic honors the distinguished dead ; to twine for them the laurel with the cypress, and to speak words of consolation to the mourner. I have been called to cheer on the gallant heart, bursting almost with youthful enthusiasm, to join in the conflict for distinction and bravery. I have brought from the battle field the remains of one of our number ; the sweet remembrance of whose virtues will last till time shall be no more. I have, with Masonic honors, laid him away in that quiet garden of graves, at Newton, so near the scene of his usefulness and true Masonic influence.

The old year has past. All these various scenes crowded into so small a space as a passing year, have not been without their influence on my mind and heart, and with you I can truly say,

" All gracious God, what e'er our lot
In future times may be,
We 'll welcome still the heaviest grief
That brings us near to thee."

The duties of watching the interests of two of the Districts, together with the close attention which under our present organization must be given to the financial affairs of the Corporation, all together have been quite enough to reconcile me to the retirement I shall now enjoy ; and quite enough, to my own mind that having fulfilled them all, with the purest motives and intentions, I feel that it has fallen to my lot in the two exciting years of my administration to have fulfilled as much of duty as usually falls to the lot of him who passes through an entire constitutional period. At any rate, the devotion of the past five years as District Deputy and as Grand Master, has evinced, I trust, a singleness of purpose on my part. It has fully satisfied all my ambition for any distinction which I have ever sought ; an ambition limited by the boundary of duty and usefulness. The new year is full of mystery. I now close my official connection with you, my Brethren, with my sincere thanks for every act of kindness, with the same warm wishes, and with the same word upon my lips with which I entered it—may we all, from the youngest Entered Apprentice that stands in the north east corner of the Lodge, to him who presides in the East, may one and all finally meet in that upper temple, and in that city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is—God.

The following Brethren were then appointed a Committee to introduce the Grand Master elect:—R. W. W. Lewis, J. R. Bradford, G. M. Randall, E. A. Raymond, S. W. Robinson. And having attended to that duty, the R. W. William Parkman, Esq., of Boston, was installed in due and ancient form, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The M. W. Grand Master then installed the Senior and Junier Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, and announced the following appointments, all of whom he personally installed into their respective offices, viz:—

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| R. W. | Charles C. Dame, of Newburyport, | Deputy Grand Master. |
| " | Charles L. Woodbury, of Boston, | Corresponding Grand Secretary. |
| W. | Rev. William R. Alger, of Boston, | } G. Chaplains. |
| " | Rev. William S. Studley, of New Bedford, | |
| " | William D. Stratton, of Melrose, | Grand Marshal. |
| " | Samuel P. Oliver, of Boston, | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| " | Henry Mulliken, of Waltham, | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| " | William F. Salmon, of Lowell, | } Grand Stewards. |
| " | J. H. Upham, of Dorchester, | |
| " | S. A. Tripp, of New Bedford, | |
| " | Solon Thornton, of Boston, | |
| " | James A. Dupee, of Boston, | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| " | F. J. Foss, of Malden, | } Grand Pursuivants. |
| " | Henry L. Dalton, of Boston, | |
| " | E. D. Bancroft, of Groton, | } Grand Lecturers. |
| " | L. H. Gamwell, of Pittsfield, | |
| " | Ivory H. Pope, of Boston, | |
| " | William H. Kent, of Boston, | Grand Chorister. |
| " | Irving I. Harwood, of Boston, | Grand Organist. |
| " | Elen F. Gay, of Boston, | Grand Tyler. |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

| R. W. | | District No | 1. |
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| " | Benjamin Dean, of Boston, | " | 2 |
| " | William Sutton, of Salem, | " | 3. |
| " | William S. Gardner, of Lowell, | " | 4. |
| " | Chester L. Chamberlain, of Milford, | " | 5. |
| " | S. B. Thaxter, of Abington, | " | 6. |
| " | Rev. J. W. Dadman, of Worcester, | " | 7. |
| " | James M. Cook, of Taunton, | " | 8. |
| " | Rev. R. S. Pope, of Hyannis, | " | 9. |
| " | Henry Chickering, of Pittsfield, | " | 10. |
| " | E. P. Graves, of Greenfield, | " | 11. |
| " | Rev. T. J. Greenwood, of Malden, | " | 12. |
| " | William W. Baker, of Boston, | " | 13. |
| " | George H. Kendall, Dep. for Chili, South America, | " | |

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

Winslow Lewis, J. H. Sheppard, A. T. Lowe.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

S. H. Gregory, William Read, E. F. Gay, L. L. Tarbell, Edward Stearns.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :—

BRETHREN—The arduous duties of the day having been accomplished, and the new officers duly installed this evening, upon assuming the head of this Grand Body allow me to express to you my profound thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me, in electing me to this high position. Be assured I come profoundly impressed with my own responsibilities to the Institution and to you. When I cast my eyes over the Portraits around this Hall, I see the pleasant faces of those distinguished men who have preceded me, and when I reflect that they were men of learning, intellect, high social position, and great Masonic skill, a feeling of fear overshadows my joy! But when I look further, and see the faces of those who live, and are still with us and look around upon these dear, friendly, Brotherly companions, with whom I am so intimate, and behold the encouraging smiles of all about me, I feel I cannot fail, but that all the duties of my position will be fulfilled. My heart is filled with gratitude while I think of the many blessings of our beloved Institution, for the last fifteen years. Our prosperity has been without check, and unexampled—unwavering success has crowned our every effort. Rapid growth, great influence in popular esteem, and the addition to our numbers, mostly from those in the higher and best social positions—all these things have been so fully laid before you by the retiring Grand Master, that further reference to them is unnecessary, and I will only express the hope that our prosperity may long continue.

From year to year words of caution have been addressed to you from this place, and never, my Brethren, were they more needed than now. Applicants too easily find admission at our portals, merely on *negative* recommendations. This ought not to be! Every applicant should have a character unspotted; a clean reputation; a respectable position in society, and means to obtain a living. If he has not these qualifications, you should not hesitate to reject him, for negative good men only swell number without increasing strength or usefulness.

Again, my Brethren, I would caution you against an increasing and dangerous evil—a disposition to alter our old and established ritual,

and interpolate with new phrases that which we have received in its purity, from our predecessors. I respectfully call attention of the Masters of Lodges to their declaration upon installation, that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to change the platform of our Institution, and I earnestly exhort all to discourage attempts at change, and enjoin the strictest pertinacity to the ancient land-marks of both work and ritual, as taught by, and exhibited in, Grand Lodge, this day.

I would cheerfully commend to the fraternity the cultivation of Music in the Lodges, and the formation of choirs, whenever convenient, that the opening, initiation, and closing ceremonies, may have the aid of good music; its effect is pleasant upon the Lodge, and while it adds much to the impressive dignity of our ceremonial, it is also a great help to promote social harmony among the members.

From various causes, this Grand Lodge has been, for the last four years, many times before the public, in full regalia, and these displays have occasioned much comment among our older Brethren. My own impression is against public parades; and I most respectfully suggest that we should only appear in public upon great and important occasions of general public interest. Frequent public displays tend to provoke comments from the curious and uninformed. We never ask or seek to proselyte. We ask the public to esteem us only as good citizens.

A word for our Charities and I have done. For many years I have had intimate knowledge and connection with all the charities of our Institution, and although the different Orders have given with liberal hands and warm and sympathetic hearts, and done great good, this branch of our Institution has hardly given commensurate with our success. For the purpose of meeting promptly this want, I have added two new members to the Charity Committee, and will, from time to time, call their attention to larger and renewed charities; and I doubt not this Grand Body will cheerfully contribute in the liberal spirit provided by our Constitution upon the subject.

With these few cautions and suggestions, allow me, my Brethren, to ask of you, one and all, a renewed confidence in our beloved Institution, and in each other. Let the most patriotic purposes warm your hearts, and Charity, the central idea of Freemasonry, warm and stimulate us to help the poor and distressed, and comfort the widow and the orphan; and may the All-wise Giver of all good, plentifully endow us with the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. So mote it be.—Amen and Amen.

The R. W. Rev. Bro. Randall, in behalf of the Committee on the death of Brothers Osgood and Seavey, offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :—

It having pleased the All-wise Ruler of the Universe to remove from this world, since the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., late Grand Chaplain, and our Bro. Isaac P. Seavy, late Grand Lecturer,

Resolved, That in the death of our late Brother, Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., the Masonic Fraternity has lost one of its firmest friends and brightest lights.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge feels a melancholly satisfaction in recording its testimony to the fearless fidelity which marked his Masonic course in times of trial ; to his intelligent attachment to the Order, and to his devotion to its interests at all seasons.

Resolved, That we cherish in Fraternal remembrance the many religious, Masonic and social virtues, which enobled the life of our departed Brother as a consistent Christian, an upright man, and a patriotic citizen.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased Brother, and be published in the Freemasons' Magazine.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge have heard with deep sorrow of the death of our late highly esteemed Brother, Isaac P. Seavey, who has filled with great acceptance the responsible offices of Grand Lecturer, and District Deputy Grand Master in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Seavey the Masonic Fraternity has lost a useful member, whose zealous labors have largely contributed to the promotion of its interests in this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, in token of its appreciation of the character and services of Bro. Seavey, place upon its records these resolutions as an abiding testimonial, and direct that a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and be published in the Freemasons' Magazine.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in ample form, when the subscribers to the "Annual Feast" formed in procession, and repaired to the Banqueting Hall, where that festival was duly celebrated.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

To WM. D. COOLIDGE, Esq. M. W. Grand Master of Freemasons in Massachusetts—

The District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District being called suddenly to New Orleans about the time when his official visits should commence, sent to you his resignation. You were pleased instead of accepting his resignation to appoint our R. W. Duncan McBean Thaxter a Special District Deputy Grand Master to act during his absence.

The Special Deputy visited six of the Lodges of the District, namely, Mount Lebanon, Bethesda, Monitor, Mount Tabor, Pequossette, and Hammatt Lodges.

Upon his return the District Deputy, at your request, withdrew his resignation, and visited the remaining Lodges of his District, namely, St. John's, St. Andrew's, Baalbec, Winslow Lewis, and Revere Lodges.

It seemed to us proper, under the circumstances, that we should unite in one Report the entire District.

The Lodges of the District are so uniformly prosperous and united, that to single out individual Lodges for commendation, would appear to cast unfair reflections upon others.

We found everywhere the same zeal and devotion to our ritual which has been manifested for many years past; the same correctness of work; the same adherence to our ancient principles and landmarks.

That such should be the case in these troublous times, when the very air is full of excitement and danger, seems at first blush remarkable. But the human heart and mind must have some relaxation. It will seek rest and change, even from the monotony of excitement. And where else than in our Lodges can the Brethren find rest? Our daily papers speak of nothing but the clash of resounding arms. Our walks by day and dreams by night are interrupted by political discus-

sions ; and if we go to the house of God we hear the arguments of politicians rehearsed from the pulpit.

There is only one place where their turbulence is not felt. Beyond the threshold of the Lodge they cannot come. Here, at least, discord and angry discussion cannot enter ! Here, for the time, all differences of political and religious opinions are laid aside, and all unite in the " grand design of being happy, and communicating happiness." Here confidence, that " plant of slow growth," finds a rich soil, a genial sunshine, and acquires a rank and luxurious growth.

Is it, then, after all, surprising that even in these times of peril we should find our Lodges well attended ? What a relief from everything outside ! Among ourselves we commune " with naked hearts together." Our aid is silent and unobtrusive ; it is direct and specific, not general and broad-cast.

We do not, as a society, attempt to advocate or meddle with measures of national importance, or even of general interest, except it be to aid enterprises such as the purchase of the Tomb of Washington, or the relief of a distressed city, overwhelmed by some calamity. The Brethren, however, as individuals, act their own pleasure with reference to all such subjects.

How often do we find the great reformer ; the advocate of great schemes of an acknowledged philanthropic nature, so enveloped in, and dazzled by, the magnitude of his undertaking, that he sees nothing but its magnitude. Poverty and rags pass by him and he heeds them not. Sickness and sorrow are his neighbors and he visits them not. He feeds not the hungry. He clothes not the naked. He has a greater, a more elevated mission. He stoops not to individual hunger, to individual sorrow.

Ours is a humble mission. " To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view."

Every Brother is taught so to conduct himself " that the world may know he is one to whom the burthened heart may pour out its sorrow ; to whom distress may prefer its suit ; whose hand is guided by justice, and his heart is expanded by benevolence."

Is not, then, this Institution good enough to preserve as it is ? Are not its benefits sufficient for its ambition ? Yes ! Yes ! Let us under no circumstances, be lured or tempted into the belief that we can, with safety, depart from our mission. Let no talk of saving the Union lead us into the vortex of politics. Let no partiality for the Institution lead us to over estimate its strength. Its strength is only in its legiti-

mate channels. Let us rather be content to go on as we always have done, adhering to the truly Masonic rule and line ; and the Grand Officers will continue to visit united and prosperous Lodges so long as anything worth preserving lasts.

BENJ. DEAN, *D. D. G. M. 1st District.*

D. McB. THAXTER, *S. D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.*

Boston, Dec. 11, 1862.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Salem, Dec. 24th, 1862.

To the M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

I have the honor, in conformity with my duty, to present you my Report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 2.

I am happy to be able to state, that all the Lodges within my jurisdiction have been, during the year which is now closing, in a prosperous and thriving condition. Not only have they maintained the position which they held at the close of last year, but, notwithstanding the troublous state of public affairs, they have made more Masons, and contributed to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge a larger sum than during the year 1861.

In my last Report I felt it my duty to call particular attention to one or two Lodges as not being quite up to what I deemed a proper standard of excellence in the work and lectures. I have no such disagreeable duty to perform now, but can say, with entire confidence, that there is no exception to be mentioned, and that all the Lodges in the Second District are in a most commendable state of discipline and cultivation. Their respective officers and members seem to feel a deep sense of their obligations to each other ; a full conviction of the great work in which they are engaged, and their duty to the Order and to the world.

Much has been done in the way of charity, and, as from the peculiar privations and sufferings occasioned by the war, there have been, and still are, increasing demands upon the Lodges for aid ; there seems to be no holding back, but a ready disposition to meet every call, and to give freely and cheerfully to the utmost extent of their ability.

Since my last Report, the Fraternity have had to mourn the lamented decease of the late Grand Lecturer, R. W. Brother Seavey, who for some years was my respected predecessor, and who so filled that office and discharged all other Masonic duties, as to commend himself to

the Brethren, and to leave his memory as one of the precious treasures of the Order. May those of us who survive him imitate his virtues, and like him leave a name which shall be a valued legacy to our successors.

In my official visits to the Lodges, (all of which have been examined by me personally, except Philanthropic Lodge in Marblehead, where, unable to go myself at the appointed time by reason of a domestic affliction, our worthy Grand Lecturer was kind enough to take my place,) I have had one conviction forced upon me, and that is, the importance to members of Lodges, but particularly to each Lodge as a body, of having and preserving for perusal and reference, some standard Masonic periodical. Such a work will afford constant gratification; will keep up an interest among the Lodges in the welfare of each other, and will help to solve many doubts, and to settle various difficult questions. I take great pleasure in recommending, as the most valuable publication within my knowledge, for general and practical purposes, the *Freemasons' Magazine*, edited by that Patriarch of our Order, the accomplished and most excellent Grand Secretary Moore.

With sincere acknowledgments for the kind and courteous treatment I have uniformly received at your hands; with a profound sense of the obligations under which your distinguished services have placed the whole Fraternity, and in the hope that our venerable Institution will continue to flourish, and extend yet wider and wider its benign influences,

I am, Fraternally, and most respectfully, yours,
WILLIAM SUTTON, *D. D. G. M. 2d Dist.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Wm. D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

Accompanying the Returns of the Lodges comprising the Third Masonic District, I submit the following detailed statement of their condition during the past year.

Saint Paul, Groton, has been presided over by our W. Brother E. D. Bancroft, your Senior G. Lecturer—the mere statement of which is sufficient testimony of the pleasant and harmonious state of the Lodge, and of its correct and effective work. The Brethren have lost during the year their Treasurer, W. Br. Jeremiah Kilburn, who died full of

years, at Groton, lamented by all who knew him. He was Deputy G. Master for this District from 1841 to 1843.

Corinthian, Concord, is small in numbers, and is not in that prosperous condition that it was a few years since. There are evidences, however, of a renewed interest among its members, and I doubt not that the Brethren will preserve the high standing which *Corinthian* Lodge has maintained through all the vicissitudes of our Institution from 1797 to the present time. Death has stricken down one of their oldest and most respected members, W. Br. William Whiting, at the advanced age of 73 years. He was W. Master in 1832, '33, '34, and 1845, '46, and was Deputy Grand Master for this District from 1826 to 1828, and 1834, '35.

Aurora, Fitchburg, is occupying a new Hall, beautiful in its proportions, chaste in its design and ornaments, convenient and commodious, which the Brethren have erected and recently completed. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. The officers exhibit a commendable zeal for the Institution and are good and effective workmen.

Merrimack, Haverhill, is in many respects a model Lodge. The Brethren have spared no exertions to render their Lodge rooms attractive, and the work impressive. In no place in the District can the beauties of our ritual be more fully developed than here. The stations are filled with intelligent and accomplished Masons.

Pentucket, Lowell, has conferred the degrees upon a larger number of initiates than any of the other Lodges. It numbers nearly two hundred members, and its Hall is usually crowded at its regular meetings. Great care has been taken by the officers to perfect the work, and render it impressive and correct, and they have succeeded in a wonderful degree.

St. Matthew's, Andover, is in a healthy state. It has improved much during the last three years. The work is substantially such as the Grand Lodge requires. The number of members compared with those of the Lodges in larger towns and cities is small. There has been an increase of initiations over last year.

Grecian, Lawrence, I found to be in a flourishing condition. The W. Master has evidently done much to increase the interest for the Institution among the Brethren. He is a beautiful and effective workman, and a zealous, studious Mason, of whom the Brethren may well feel proud. This Lodge has about two hundred members, and there has been talk of asking for a new Lodge in this city.

Ancient York, Lowell, of which I am a member, was visited in com-

pany with our R. W. Br. William North, who was pleased to speak in very flattering terms of its condition. The returns will convince you of its prosperity, and I can bear witness to the harmony which cements its members together.

Caleb Butler, Groton Junction, initiated sixteen in 1860, the year of its Charter; eight in 1861, and one the past year. Various reasons have combined to produce the change, of which the present distracted condition of our country is prominent. The instructions to this Lodge have been given by our W. Brother Bancroft, who has been present at almost every meeting.

Wilder, Leominster, I had the honor and pleasure of visiting in company with you; the condition and prosperity of which you are well informed.

John Hancock, Methuen, this year makes its first Annual Return to Grand Lodge, since its Charter. I found the officers to be well informed as to their duties, and well skilled in the lectures and ritual. The Lodge has met almost weekly during the year, and officers and members have vied with each other in learning the lectures and work. Its first year is a great success.

I have granted several Dispensations to confer the degrees in less than the constitutional time, but only in such cases where the reasons assigned in the petition have in my judgment been sufficient.

At no time have I found such a general degree of interest for the Institution prevalent among the Lodges of this District as I have during this year. The Brethren seem to have awakened as from a sleep, and to have devoted themselves to a careful study of Masonry, and of its work and Lectures.

The number of initiations has been much less than heretofore—almost fifty per cent. less than in 1860; yet the zeal for the Order seems to have increased in almost direct ratio to the decrease of work. Does this not teach us, that heretofore we have devoted too much time to making Masons, too little time for instruction?

The number of initiates in this District in 1860 was one hundred and three; in 1861 ninetytwo, and the present year sixtyone.

It gives me great pleasure to report, that harmony and good fellowship prevail among the Brethren. As the representative of the Grand Master, I have every where been received by the Lodges in the most cordial, friendly and social manner.

I remain Fraternally, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM S. GARDNER, *D. D. G. M. 3d Dist.*

Lowell, Nov. 24th, 1862.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master of Freemasons in Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The time having expired for which I was appointed District Deputy of the Fourth Masonic District, it now becomes my duty to Report to you something of the condition of the Lodges in this District.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District, and, with one exception, have witnessed some part of the work.

Montgomery Lodge, Milford; Olive Branch, Millbury; Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge; Blackstone River, Blackstone, and Oxford, at Oxford, are all harmonious, and perform their work well. Franklin Lodge, Grafton, having met with a severe loss by fire, have done but little work the past year, but they have now leased another hall, and are again in working condition.

Webster Lodge, Webster, is not in so favorable a condition as would be desirable. There continues to be a want of harmony, and their meetings are not well attended, but I am assured on the part of a portion of its members that an effort shall be made to heal their differences, that their meetings may become more interesting and better attended.

John Warren Lodge, Hopkinton. This is the youngest Lodge in the District; it is located in a pleasant and flourishing village, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the best class of its citizens. It has a membership of twenty-nine, and returns ten new initiates. This Lodge has abundantly rewarded the confidence of the Grand Lodge in granting them a Charter, and I have no doubt they will prove to be among the most valuable branches of the Fraternity in the Commonwealth.

There have been made during the year forty-one Masons in the District, and the several Lodges have contributed \$165 to the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

In several instances, for good and sufficient reasons, I have granted Dispensations for conferring degrees in less time than the constitutional requirements, the candidates being considered worthy, and having enlisted in their country's service.

I have endeavored to impress upon the officers of Lodges the necessity and importance of attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

In closing this Report I desire to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness which have been accorded to me in visiting the various Lodges in the District, and to bear testimony to the respect and loyalty which

they all cherish to the Grand Lodge as the ultimate and supreme authority in all matters relating to Masonic jurisprudence.

Grateful for the distinction you have conferred upon me, I remain, respectfully and

Fraternally yours,

CHESTER E. CHAMBERLIN,
D. D. G. M. 4th Dist.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Hingham, Dec. 10th, 1862.

To the M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—One year ago I received from you the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master, and in conformity with my duty I herewith present my Report of the condition of the Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District.

I have visited all the Lodges once, and some of them twice or more, and have inspected their work, by-laws, and records, and find a general uniformity in the work and lectures, in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

It affords me much pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevail among the members of the Fraternity; that the various Lodges are presided over by discreet officers, and their affairs conducted with propriety.

There have been many applications for Dispensations to confer the degrees of Masonry upon persons about entering the service of our country, in less time than is required by the laws of the Grand Lodge. All such applications that came within my province I have granted.

The number of candidates initiated the past year is seventytwo, and the amount contributed to the treasury of the Grand Lodge two hundred and seventysix dollars.

In closing this Report I desire to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy which have been uniformly accorded to me in visiting the Lodges in this District.

Thanking you for the honor conferred in appointing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District

I remain, truly and Fraternally yours, ENOS LORING.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I take great pleasure in reporting for the year now expiring, that the prosperity of the Order in the jurisdiction to which your kindness assigned me, continues unabated. The number of initiations (owing to the disturbed state of public affairs, and the absence of multitudes of young men and men in middle life, in the service of the country) is much less than in preceding years. Sixty initiations comprises the whole number for the year, against eightyfive in 1861, but I have reason to believe that the initiated possessed those excellent and desirable Masonic qualities which have long given to the Institution its chief strength and pride.

The two Worcester Lodges have suffered no abatement in their work; Morning Star Lodge having received twelve, and Montacute Lodge seventeen initiates. These two Lodges are working harmoniously together—the only strife existing between them “of who best can work and best agree.” Many valuable members of both Lodges are now in the public service.

Of the other Lodges in the District there is little to be reported additional to the Report which I had the honor to submit last year.

Middlesex Lodge, at Framingham; Mount Zion, at Barre; Quaboag, at Warren, and Trinity, at Clinton, are all doing faithful, discreet and satisfactory work, and are in a sound and healthy condition.

Meridian Lodge, at Natick, which in former years has been less favorably reported, I am happy to state is improving, and gives much encouragement for its future usefulness. The Lodge lost its Charter and most of its effects by fire early in the year, but they at once fitted up a new Hall, and the Grand Lodge replaced its Charter with another of the same date, and its work has continued uninterrupted.

United Brethren Lodge, at Marlborough, and Quinebaug Lodge, at Southbridge, both thriving and public spirited Lodges, though for reasons already stated doing less work than formerly, still keep up a lively interest in the meetings, and are doing excellent work.

In some instances Dispensations for conferring degrees have been granted with more freedom than in ordinary years. Candidates who were well known, and answered all the requisites for admission, have been favored, when their duty to the country deprived them of the usual time for receiving the degrees, and I have yet to learn of an instance in which these acts of official clemency have resulted in detriment to the Institution.

In closing this Report I desire to return my thanks to you, sir, for the distinction you have twice conferred on me, and to the Masons of my jurisdiction, for the kindness and courtesy they have uniformly shown in the discharge of the work assigned to my trust.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

HENRY GODDARD, *D. D. G. M. of the
6th Masonic District.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Taunton, Dec. 2d, 1862.

WM. D. COOLIDGE, Esq., *M. W. G. Master of Massachusetts—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Another year is just closing upon us, and I am reminded of my duty to make known to you something of the condition of Masonry in this District.

As my returns will show, the number of initiates is much less than last year, though some of the Lodges have done considerable, while others have done very little.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District once, and some of them more than once, and as I have had the opportunity to witness their working, it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to their general uniformity and correctness, according to instructions of Grand Lodge.

Some have made very great improvement in their work the past year. Their records show a very general attendance of members, not only at Regular Communications, but at Special meetings; and when there has been but little work, the time has been devoted to lecturing, showing a marked improvement in this respect.

There has been but sixtysix initiations; whole amount due Grand Lodge two hundred and fortysix dollars. Though there are but eight Chartered Lodges in this District, and one working under Dispensation, it extends over a territory of more than forty miles in length, and about thirty in width, and residing as I do, geographically, near its centre, I have nevertheless found it difficult to visit some of them more than once.

In closing I have only to add, that everything indicates health, vigor and prosperity in the Seventh District.

Very respectfully and Fraternally, yours,

JAS. M. COOK, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. District.*

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

*Hyannis, Nov. 29th, 1862.**M. W. Grand Master, WM. D. COOLIDGE—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Another year has rolled round; a year that has recorded a sad and lamentable chapter in the history of our national experience; and the period has arrived when it becomes my duty to make the Annual Report assigned to the office with which I am honored by your appointment. And in discharging this duty, I wish it were my privilege to give as favorable an account of the growth and prosperity of the Lodges within this District as in my last Report, but this pleasure to some extent is denied me.

Nor ought it, perhaps, to be expected, considering the melancholly state of the times, and the all absorbing interest of the public mind in the march of armies, and in the storm of contention and strife that is imperiling the existence of our once united and prosperous Republic. "Masonry hath always been injured by war, bloodshed and confusion." Its genius is eminently that of "peace on earth and good will towards men," and can never thrive in times of public dissension, discord and carnage.

I have but little to report of the Lodges under my care that would be of interest or importance to be known. Most of them have done but little work the present year, and none of them their usual amount.

Marine Lodge, Falmouth, and De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, have initiated only one each; Union, Nantucket, four; King Hiram, Provincetown, and Mount Horeb, West Harwich, eleven, and Martha's Vineyard, Tisbury, sixteen, making in all fiftyeight.

Pilgrim Lodge, I regret to say, has not yet availed itself of the services of a Grand Lecturer, as I suggested in my last Annual Report, and which they very much need. They work very well, in their way, but their way essentially varies in many important respects from that prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The excuse assigned for the neglect was the want of available funds to meet the expense; but it is to be hoped that this objection will soon be removed. They have the material for superior workmen, and I trust that another year will see them exhibiting the same excellence in the *correctness* of their work that they are capable of exhibiting in its performance.

King Hiram Lodge, Provincetown, I have not visited. Not only circumstances rendered it extremely inconvenient, but the distance was so great and the means of conveyance so expensive, I deemed it best, as a matter of economy this year, to delegate Brother Joseph P. Johnson to act in my stead.

He kindly forwarded to me the returns and dues, and also a brief statement of the general condition of the Lodge. From him I learn they have given more than usual attention to perfecting themselves in the work and lectures—and from my knowledge of the officers and members, I doubt not they have attained a proficiency which renders them a superior working Lodge. And this is a duty I have taken special pains to urge upon the attention of the Brethren—the importance and necessity, not only of every officer, but of every member being thoroughly versed in the work and lectures. I have endeavored to impress the fact upon the minds of all, that no man is really a Master Mason who is not master of the ritual of Masonry; who has not so far informed and qualified himself that he can fill any position in the Lodge at a moment's notice, and prove himself readily and skillfully one of the craft whenever and wherever examined. In my official visit to two or three Lodges, more or less of their officers were necessarily absent, and as a consequence of a neglect of this duty on the part of the members, they were unable to give me more than an imperfect specimen of the work. I entertain the hope that more attention will be devoted to the matter by the Brethren generally. Fraternal Lodge has given its attention to the subject, under the guidance of its efficient Master, who has held semi-monthly meetings for instruction, and I trust that the members of other Lodges will do the same. For it seems to me to be a serious fault that so many of the daily increasing Masonic Fraternity are uninformed in what every Mason should know, and unable, by strict examination, to gain admission into any regular and well governed Lodge but with exceeding difficulty.

I will only say further, that though the Lodges within this District have not grown and prospered abundantly in point of numbers the past years, yet they are true and loyal to the genius of Freemasonry. United and harmonious in spirit and action, they endeavor, in these times of excitement and commotion, to constantly feed the altar-fires of fraternal affection and fellowship, and to dispense their charities, I doubt not, as the wants and woes of the poor and needy require.

I remain, Fraternal and truly yours,

R. S. POPE, D. D. G. M. 8th M. District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

The Brethren of the Ninth Masonic District being deprived of their D. D. Grand Master by the absence of the R. W. Brother Shurtleff, in consequence of his being elected Lt. Colonel of the 25th regiment, his duties have been performed by the Grand Master, and he is happy to state, that in his visits to the Lodges of this District, with one exception, viz, that of Wisdom Lodge, at West Stockbridge, he found all in a flourishing condition, giving evidence of the fidelity of their late District Deputy, and the full enjoyment among themselves of true Masonic Brotherhood, and the Grand Master is most happy to bear his testimony to the progress and improvement manifested in the Lodges of this District.

WM. D. COOLIDGE, *Grand Master.*

TENTH DISTRICT.

Greenfield, Dec. 6th, 1862.

To the M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts—

The Tenth Masonic District over which you did me the honor to appoint me your Deputy, embraces the following Lodges, namely, Chicopee, Mount Tom, Jerusalem, Republican, Mountain, Harmony, Pacific, Orange and Bethel.

During the year I have made Masonic visitations to all the Lodges in the District except two, of those I am well informed, and am happy to report that they are all harmonious, and generally in a sound and healthy condition.

In most of the Lodges the work is well and accurately done, and in those where departures from the standard work of the Grand Lodge have been observed, a considerable zeal has been manifested to effect the needed improvements.

During the year an unusual number of applications have been made to me for Dispensations to enable the several Lodges to confer the degrees upon persons who had volunteered in the service of the United States, and were about to leave their homes for the seat of war. These applications were presented under such circumstances, and accompanied with such representations, that I have generally felt obliged, under a strong sense of Masonic and patriotic duty, to grant Dispensations upon most of them; leaving the several Lodges from which they emanated, to carefully inquire as to the moral character and worth of the several candidates for initiation. And I am fully sat-

ified that the Masons who have been so made, will compare favorably in moral standing and fitness to receive the honors of our Ancient Institution with those made in more peaceful times, and under a strict adherence to ancient usage.

I hope this exercise of power vested in me will meet with your approval.

I am, very respectfully and Fraternally,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD P. GRAVES.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

In consequence of the resignation of the District Deputy of this District, most reluctantly accepted by the Grand Master, his duties have been performed by the Grand Master himself, who is most happy to say that all the Lodges in this District bear ample evidence that the true spirit of our Institution fills the hearts of these Brethren, who are zealous and untiring in their devotion to Masonic duty, and who are consequently in the enjoyment of great Masonic happiness.

WM. D. COOLIDGE, *Grand Master.*

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Boston, Dec. 22d, 1862.

M. W. WM. D. COOLIDGE, *G. Master of Masons in Massachusetts*—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor herewith, in returning the commission of D. D. G. M. with which you have honored me the past year, to submit an account of my stewardship in the Twelfth District.

This District comprehends some of the largest, oldest and most flourishing Lodges of Boston and vicinity, and I am pleased to report that the commendations bestowed upon them by my predecessors were by no means unmerited, and that I can, with great propriety, fully confirm them.

The action of the Grand Lodge in June last, in returning to the work as adopted in the Convention of 1849, has given universal satisfaction and been attended with most satisfactory results. The leading features throughout the whole eleven Lodges of the District, are the harmony that exists among the fraternity, collectively, as Lodges, and individually, as Masons; the singular uniformity of their work, and a marked improvement in consequence, over preceding years; and this remark in regard to one Lodge will apply with equal justice to all.

The amount of work, as compared with previous years, has been smaller, although the general attendance of the Lodges has been larger, and a greater degree of interest manifested in the meetings, in the socialities, and in the Lodges of Instruction. Several of the Lodges number among its members many who, although holding no office, are fully competent to fill any position in the Lodge. This is particularly true with respect to Amicable Lodge, of Cambridge, an excellent working Lodge, which has for some years given great attention to study and practice, and now stands deservedly high as one of the best instructed Lodges in the jurisdiction.

Joseph Warren Lodge, of Boston, St. Paul's and Gate-of-the-Temple, South Boston, exhibit a marked degree of care and correctness, and are noted for the excellence of their work.

Columbian, of Boston, Washington, of Roxbury, and Massachusetts, of Boston, three of the oldest Lodges in the State, have made rapid progress the past few years; and though of the oldest, they display the vigor and vitality of their younger sisters.

Aberdour Lodge, of Boston, and Dalhousie, of Newton, the two youngest Lodges in the District, both of which have been reared under your fostering care, have proved themselves worthy of your attention and regard, and are an honor and an ornament to the Institution. Correct in their work, and limited in their desires to increase in members, they are particularly careful on whom they confer the honors of Masonry; and in this respect I may with propriety mention Germania Lodge, of Boston; working in a foreign tongue—they admit none but those who speak fluently the German language, and then only after a rigid investigation. Their work is consequently limited, and their numbers comparatively few; but their course is marked with such care and propriety as cannot but commend itself to the confidence of the parent Institution.

The present unhappy state of our country has somewhat interrupted the regular routine of work in the Lodges, and the call for so many of our citizen, young and old, and their sudden departure for the seat of war, has opened a new business for the Lodge, which, though as patriots we have submitted to it with patience, yet as Masons we cannot but look on with alarm. I allude to the subject of dispensing with those safe-guards which the Constitution provides, and which have heretofore exercised such a salutary influence, and making Masons and conferring the degrees out of time—hastily; and in many cases, as a natural consequence, carelessly and unimpressively. This is as hurtful to the candidate as it is to the Institution. His interest has

not been awakened—his heart nor his sensibilities have been touched. But this is not the worst—thus initiated, and thus instructed, he goes abroad with our endorsement, and under the broad seal of the Grand Lodge, recommended as a Massachusetts Mason; and thus the title which is known and recognized throughout the Masonic world, will soon become of small account.

Another point to which I fear we do not in this rush and hurry of business give sufficient thought. Very many of those who have thus taken their degrees are men of middle age, who have had ample time in many years to have availed themselves of the benefits of the Order, but they have deferred it, or given it no thought, and now take it up, it is to be feared, more with the expectation of being specially benefited by it, than of yielding any thing in return. This is a point to be considered, whether such an one can be an honor or an ornament to the Institution. Masonry is like Mercy, twice blessed—"It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." Masonry confers her honors on the good, the charitable and deserving, and looks to receive from her children in return, love, attention, sympathy.

I am aware, Most Worshipful, that the subject of Dispensations and their kindred evils, has given you great solicitude and will probably form one of the subjects of your Annual Address, and I therefore forbear further comment.

And now, Most Worshipful, in conclusion, thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and wishing you all health, happiness and prosperity in the future,

I remain, Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM W. BAKER,
D. D. G. M. 12th Dist.

LIST OF LODGES.

The following is a list of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under the superintendence of District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, also the date of the Charter of each Lodge:—

First District.

R. W. BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston.

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| St. John's, Boston, (1733.) | Baalbec, East Boston, (1653.) |
| St. Andrew's, Boston, (1756.) | Winslow Lewis, Boston, (1856.) |
| Mount Lebanon, Boston, (1801.) | Revere, Boston, (1857.) |
| Bethesda, Brighton, (1819.) | Pequossette, Watertown, (1857.) |
| Monitor, Waltham, (1820.) | Hammatt, East Boston, (1860.) |
| Mount Tabor, East Boston, (1846.) | |

Second District.

R. W. WILLIAM SUTTON, Salem.

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| Philanthropic, Marblehead, (1760.) | Mount Carmel, Lynn, (1805.) |
| St. John's, Newburyport, (1766.) | Jordan, Danvers, (1808.) |
| Tyrian, Gloucester, (1770.) | Warren, Amesbury, (1822.) |
| Essex, Salem, (1779.) | Liberty, Beverly, (1824.) |
| St. Mark's, Newburyport, (1803.) | Ashler, Rockport, (1852.) |

Third District.

R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Lowell.

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| St. Paul's, Groton, (1797.) | Grecian, Lawrence, (1825.) |
| Corinthian, Concord, (1797.) | Ancient York, Lowell, (1853.) |
| Aurora, Fitchburg, (1801.) | Caleb Butler, South Groton. |
| Merrimac, Haverhill, (1802.) | Wilder, Leominster, (1860.) |
| Pentucket, Lowell, (1807.) | John Hancock, Methuen, (1861.) |
| St. Matthew's, Andover, (1822.) | Tuscan, Lawrence, U. D. |

Fourth District.

R. W. CHESTER L. CHAMBERLAIN, Milford.

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| Montgomery, Milford, (1797.) | Blackstone River, Bl'kstone, (1856.) |
| Olive Branch, Sutton, (1797.) | Webster, Webster, (1858.) |
| Solomon's Temple, Uxbridge, (1818.) | Oxford, Oxford, (1860.) |
| Franklin, Grafton, (1852.) | John Warren, Hopkinton, (1861.) |

Fifth District.

R. W. S. B. THAXTER, Abington.

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| Old Colony, Hingham, (1792.) | Plymouth, Plymouth, (1825.) |
| Rising Star, Stoughton, (1799.) | Paul Revere, North Bridgewater, (1857.) |
| Corner Stone, Duxbury, (1801.) | John Cutler, Abington, (1860.) |
| Rural, Quincy, (1801.) | Orient, So. Dedham, (1862.) |
| Norfolk Union, Randolph, (1819.) | |
| Orphans' Hope, Weymouth, (1825.) | |

Sixth District.

R. W. Rev. J. W. DADMUN, Worcester.

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| Morning Star, Worcester, (1793.) | Montacute, Worcester, (1859.) |
| Middlesex, Framingham, (1795.) | Trinity, Clinton, (1858.) |
| Meridian, Natick, (1797.) | United Brethren, Marlboro', (1859.) |
| Mount Zion, Barre, (1800.) | Quinebaug, Southbridge, (1859.) |
| Quaboag, Warren, (1859.) | Day Spring, Monson, U. D. |

Seventh District.

R. W. JAS. M. COOK, Taunton.

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| Fellowship, Bridgewater, (1797.) | Mount Hope, Fall River, (1824.) |
| King David, Taunton, (1795.) | Eureka, New Bedford, (1858.) |
| St. Alban's, Foxboro', (1818.) | Bristol, Attleboro', restored in 1859. |
| Star in the East, N. Bedford, (1823.) | Pythagoras, Marion, U. D. |
| Social Harmony, Wareham, (1823.) | |

Eighth District.**R. W. Rev. R. S. POPE, Hyannis.**

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| King Hiram, Provincetown, (1795.) | Mt. Horeb, West Harwich, (1855.) |
| Marine, Falmouth, (1798.) | De Witt Clinton, Sandwich, (1856.) |
| Fraternal, Barnstable, (1901.) | Pilgrim, South Harwich, (1859.) |
| Union, Nantucket, (1771.) | Martha's Vineyard, Tisbury, (1860.) |

Ninth District.**R. W. HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield.**

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| Cincinnatus, G. Barrington, (1795.) | Mystic, Pittsfield, (1810.) |
| Evening Star, Lee, (1795.) | Hampden, Springfield, (1817.) |
| Lafayette, Adams, (North,) (1796) | Mount Moriah, Westfield, (1856.) |
| Thomas, Palmer, (1796) | Berkshire, Adams, South, (1858.) |
| Wisdom, West Stockbridge, (1803.) | |

Tenth District.**R. W. E. P. GRAVES, Greenfield.**

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| Republican, Greenfield, (1794.) | Chicopee, Chicopee, (1849.) |
| Harmony, Northfield, (1796.) | Mount Tom, Holyoke, (1850.) |
| Jerusalem, Northampton, (1797.) | Orange, Orange, (1860.) |
| Mountain, Shelburne Falls, (1806.) | Pacific, Amherst, (1861.) |
| Bethel, Enfield, (1825.) | |

Eleventh District.**R. W. Rev. T. J. GREENWOOD, Malden.**

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| King Solomon, Charlestown, (1783.) | Mount Horeb, Woburn, (1856.) |
| Hiram, West Cambridge, (1797.) | Wyoming, Melrose, (1857.) |
| Star of Bethlehem, Chelsea, (1844.) | Mount Vernon, Malden, (1858.) |
| Putnam, East Cambridge, (1855.) | John Abbot, Somerville, (1858.) |
| Mount Hermon, Medford, (1855.) | Henry Price, Charlestown, (1859.) |

Twelfth District.**R. W. WILLIAM W. BAKER, Boston.**

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| Massachusetts, Boston, (1770.) | Germania, Boston, (1855.) |
| Columbian, Boston, (1796.) | Gate of Temple, S. Boston, (1856.) |
| Washington, Roxbury, (1796.) | Joseph Warren, Boston, (1857.) |
| Union, Dorchester, (1796.) | Aberdour, Boston, (1862.) |
| Amicable, Cambridge, (1805.) | Dalhousie, Newton, (1861.) |
| St. Paul's, South Boston, (1847.) | Mount Olivet, Cambridge, U. D. |

GEORGE H. KENDALL, Deputy for Chili, South America.

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| Bethesda, Valparaiso, S. A., (1854.) | Hiram of Copiapo, Copiapo, Chili, S. A., (1858.) |
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ARMY LODGES.

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| Bay State Army Lodge, | No. 1, 3d Regt. |
| Massachusetts Army Lodge, | No. 2, 16th " |
| United Brethren " " | No. 3, 17th " |
| Fraternal " " | No. 4, 25th " |
| Bunker Hill " " | No. 5, 2d " |
| McClellan " " | No. 6, 43d " |
| Berkshire Camp " " | No. 7, 48th " |
| Putnam " " | No. 8, 39th " |
| Olive Branch " " | No. 9, 42d " |
| Warren, " " | No. 10, 32d " |

G. SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

**CHAS. W. MOORE, Freemasons' Hall, Tremont
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OF THE
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- 5848. Edward A. Raymond, Esq.
- 5851. Rev. George M. Randall.
- 5854. Winslow Lewis, M. D.
- 5857. John T. Heard, Esq.
- 5861. William D. Coolidge, Esq.

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- 5837. George G. Smith, Esq.
- 5843. John B. Hammatt, Esq.
- 5844. Rev. E. M. P. Wells.
- 5851. Lucius R. Paige, Esq.
- 5854. Abraham T. Low, M. D.
- 5859. Hon. Charles R. Train.
- 5860. Hon. J. V. C. Smith, M. D.
- 5861. Hon. G. Washington Warren.
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